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As the spine starts to tingle

By Simon Barnes

Moscow link suspected as Afghan rebels' weapons are destroyed

100 killed by arms blast in Pakistan

From Edward Gorman, Islamabad

Afghan agents were last night being linked by Western diplomats in Islamabad with the massive arms-dump explosion near the city yesterday that killed at least 100 people and injured 700 others.

Sources in the Pakistan capital believed that the Moscow-backed regime in Kabul were behind the blast, timed in advance of the Soviet pull-out from Afghanistan to cut supplies of weapons to the country's Mujahidin rebels.

The blast, at a huge army ammunitions dump between Islamabad and the nearby city of Rawalpindi, sent hundreds of anti-aircraft rockets, tank shells and ground-to-air missiles into residential areas.

Diplomats said that the incident was set to cause an international row about Pakistan's US-backed support for the Afghan resistance in the conflict, in the week when the peace accord governing the Soviet withdrawal is scheduled to be signed by the Islamabad and Kabul governments in Geneva.

The ammunition dump at Ojri army camp in Faisabad, about four miles south of central Islamabad and close to the international airport, blew up at around 9am, sending shells as far as eight miles. They landed in school playgrounds, bazaars, and residential areas, causing panic among local people who feared an enemy attack.

Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad said that the dump was a holding store for American arms, destined to supply the Mujahidin, which had been flown in during the past two weeks. The sources said that munitions store at the camp included 155mm mortars, anti-tank rockets, and ground-to-air missiles.

There was speculation last night that the disaster may have been deliberately engineered by Khad agents of the Kabul regime.

The ammunition dump is believed to be the main holding point for US-supplied weaponry flown in via Frankfurt and destined for the guerrillas. In recent weeks, large amounts of munitions have arrived at the dump before being moved by lorry up to Peshawar and distributed among the seven resistance parties.

Residents here described a fireball 300yards wide and 200ft high erupting over the dump. For at least the next hour, in the words of one eyewitness, "literally hundreds" of shells and rockets blasted out in all directions.

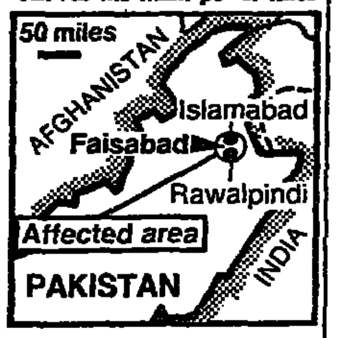
The shells fell as far afield as Rawalpindi and central Islamabad, where the United States, Egyptian and Canadian Embassies were hit. The residential sector 1/9, close to the army camp on the edge of the city, was said to have been completely flattened.

Hospitals in Rawalpindi and Islamabad were appealing for emergency blood supplies last night after admitting hundreds of casualties.

Medical staff said they had treated 200 people by mid-afternoon, 70 of whom were in a serious condition. Twenty people, including five children, had died at the hospital. Dr Ijaz Butt said that most of the casualties were suffering shrapnel and impact wounds from the many shells which landed without their firing pins primed.

By 4pm, the streets of Faisabad looked like a battlefield. The thick stench of cordite hung in the air, with hundreds of houses and shops smashed by direct hits at a range of less than a mile.

Fields and main roads next to the camp were littered with unexploded bombs and rockets. All the main power lines had been brought down. Thousands of onlookers were still crowding the area, apparently oblivious to the danger of further explosions.



At the camp itself, the huge pile of rubble was the only sign of the main buildings over which fires were burning uncontrollably. Occasional anti-tank shells were still roaring over our heads as we drove through the area. Mr Muhammad Ashraf, a bus driver from Oxford on holiday in Pakistan with his family, said he was on the first floor of his house when the explosion started.

"Suddenly a fireball went up and the explosions went on continually," he said. "At first it was small arms ammunition then later the rockets and bombs started coming over." He said that there was pandemonium as people desperately sought shelter.

Mr Ashraf, whose family was lucky to escape alive, said he saw two bodies under a nearby tree, both of which had been decapitated by a single shell.



Devastation: The flattened buildings 200 yards from the ammunition dump near Islamabad that exploded yesterday.

Thatcher resists benefits clamour

By Robin Oakley Political Editor

The Prime Minister is to resist making any concessions over new social security regulations in spite of deep concern within her party and the onslaught she is certain to face when Parliament resumes this week.

Concern among Conservatives is reflected at the highest levels with ministers privately predicting that the Government will have to bow to pressure on one issue at least.

The stipulation that housing benefit will be denied to

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those with more than £6,000 in savings and reduced for those with more than £3,000 has led to protests from Tory voters that this penalizes the thrift the Government is supposed to encourage.

Conservative MPs believe that much criticism could be avoided by raising the upper limit to £10,000, but Mrs Thatcher is against this, saying that £6,000 would have been considered a generous limit an election ago and that the present fuss is a symptom of increased prosperity rather than increased need.

She argues that the essence of the social security sytstem is to help those in genuine need, which does not include those who are capable of getting a job paying them the same as they are able to draw on the dole, and that there will be objections wherever the line is drawn on the qualifications.

Questions on social security provide the opening business when Parliament resumes tomorrow and will be followed by questions to the Prime Minister.

Labour is planning a big assault and will be demanding an early debate on the changes.

Conservative MPs noted with some disquiet that, before the Easter recess, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, considerably improved his scoring rate against the Prime Minister with a series of questions he put to her about specific social security cases.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's social services spokesman, will be pressing ministers to say whether they are satisfied that there should be more losers than gainers under the new regulations, and whether they think it right that the entire increase this year for 12 million social security claimants is less than the Budget benefit to the richest half million taxpayers.

Yesterday Mr Cook accused Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, of ducking debates on the benefit changes and challenged him to debate them either on TV on in the Commons.

Deadlock at Larnaca airport

Hijackers run short of options as Kuwait defies new threats

From Robert Fisk, Larnaca

The hijackers holding at least 50 passengers aboard the Kuwaiti airliner at Larnaca airport certainly appeared to be running out of options last night as Kuwaiti official here maintained their refusal to concede to the gunmen's demands, despite the most bloodthirsty threats against the passengers.

After suggesting that they would take off and crash-land the jet into the Emir of Kuwait's Palace and then announcing their intention to carry out a "slow, quiet massacre" of the passengers, they were by nightfall conducting yet another long conversation with a Palestine Liberation Organization intermediary.

If the hijackers do not gain any confession from the Kuwaitis — and their repeated demand for the release of 17 prisoners in Kuwait was still being disdainfully ignored last night — then they are faced with the stark choice of carrying out their bloodiest threat, to blow up the aircraft, or of taking off for another Middle East airport which would accept the Boeing 747 jet.

If President Assad of Syria does not provide safe passage to Damascus, then the only other alternative destination left to the hijackers would appear to be a return to the country from which they came and a landing in Tehran.

Throughout yesterday the Cypriot authorities at the airport here, who have found themselves virtually helpless in their efforts to avert impending tragedy which has nothing to do with their country, pleaded with the Shia Muslim hijackers to free more passengers.

Mr Malaz Abdo, the deputy PLO official in Nicosia, made four separate trips to the plane to try and calm the gunmen. But he gave no indication afterwards of the substance of his talks or any further demands made by the hijackers.

Save for two armoured personnel carriers of the Cyprus police and the usual number of armed policemen in the airport terminal, there was no sign of any impending attempt to storm the aircraft, let alone any indication that the British Special Air Service, which is reported to have a unit on one of the British bases within 10 miles of Larnaca, was planning to involve itself in the drama.

Shortly before seven in the morning, one of the hijackers, who spoke with a Lebanese accent, did appear to show some nervousness that the British military authorities might storm the plane. He told the Larnaca control tower over the aircraft radio that the Cyprus Government should "act as an independent country" and should "liberate the craft (sic) from English and US pressures and facilitate the take-off of the craft from Larnaca". If they did this, then the Cypriots would be "saving and preventing a slow, quiet massacre from taking place".

After Saturday's murder of one of the passengers, neither the Kuwaiti delegation at the airport nor the Cypriots themselves are under any illusions about the ruthlessness of the gunmen, up to 10 of whom are believed to be on the Kuwaiti airliner. Thus when another of the hijackers said that if the authorities did not load more fuel onto the plane, they would contemplate "a crash landing" on the Emir's palace in Kuwait, their threat was met with a stunned silence. But still no extra fuel was put aboard.

Of the 50 or so passengers aboard, there was no word yesterday save for a further ominous warning from the cockpit of the aircraft that the hijackers had "already started to hurt one of the passengers" because the PLO representative was no longer present at the airport. A control tower official radioed back: "I am pleading with the hijackers — Mr Abdo will be there (at the plane) in a moment."

It is not difficult to see the political advantage which the PLO have to gain by attempting a negotiated settlement of the hijack. Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO Chairman, has flown to Kuwait for consultations with officials there, well aware that the Palestinian uprising on the West Bank could be politically complemented by an effort, however symbolic, to save lives in a civilized fashion at Larnaca.

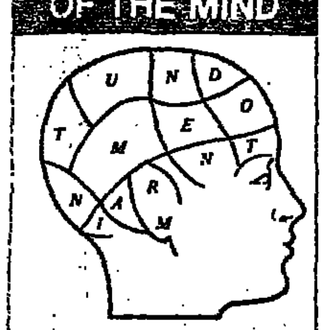
One of the hijackers was reputed to be a Palestinian brought up in Lebanon but the real connection between the PLO and the gunmen aboard the jet lies in the relationship which grew up in West Beirut between Palestinian guerrillas

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Beirut (Reuter) — The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad group threatened last night to kill the Western hostages it holds in Lebanon if the Kuwaiti jet were stormed in Cyprus. The threat was made in a typewritten statement delivered to an international news agency in Beirut. It was accompanied by photographs of two hostages, the Frenchman M Jean Paul Kauffmann, and Mr Terry Anderson, the American journalist.

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- **There were no winners on Saturday, so Portfolio Accumulator stands today at £22,000 — or there is the daily prize of £4,000 to be won.**

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29 feared dead as rebels down plane

Islamabad (AP) — Afghan Muslim guerrillas shot down a Soviet-built, Antonov 26 passenger plane near the Soviet border yesterday, killing 29 people, Radio Kabul reported.

The official radio, monitored in Islamabad, said the plane was flying between Maimaneh in the north-western Faryab province and Mazar Sharif in the Balkh province about 143 miles to the east.

The dead included two children, eight women and six crew members, the report said. It did not say whether the aircraft was a civilian jet of the domestic Bakhtar Airline or a Soviet transport plane, both of which fly the 25-seat, AN26.

The Afghan airline also has been known to carry commercial passengers in planes with military markings.

Radio Kabul, quoting the official Bakhtar News Agency, said that "extremist opposition elements" — a reference to the Mujahidin guerrillas — had attacked the plane with anti-aircraft rockets. The radio said that President Najibullah of Afghanistan "was profoundly saddened on hearing the news" and conveyed his condolences to the families of "the martyrs".

Last September, the Government reported that the Mujahidin had shot down an AN26 with a US-made Stinger anti-aircraft missile, killing 17 people.

The radio did not identify the type of rocket used in yesterday's shooting. There was no immediate comment from the Mujahidin.

They reportedly have shot down an average of one Soviet or Afghan aircraft a day since they received the American Stinger and British Blowpipe anti-aircraft missiles.

Met men blow hot and cold

Snow and brilliant sunshine at the weekend prompted claims that the weather experts had again got it wrong.

Winter returned on Saturday with overnight snow of up to three inches in several counties. Snow and sleet stretched across most of the country.

A Meteorological Office spokesman in Birmingham admitted that the snow was "a bit of a shock", but at the London Weather Centre staff insisted that they did forecast the snow, but too late for Saturday's newspapers.

But yesterday, after a night with temperatures below freezing in parts, Britain woke up to brilliant sunshine and temperatures soared to around 14C (57F), with the exception of Scotland which had clouds and rain.

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Kinnock pledge to raise income tax

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Neil Kinnock confirmed yesterday that the next Labour Government would increase taxes for the better off, but not to the levels imposed by past Labour Governments.

Mr Kinnock also said Labour would scrap four trade union reform Acts passed under the Thatcher government and would restore the right of secondary picketing.

Mr Kinnock indicated that the party's stance on unilateral disarmament is softening in favour of a multi-lateral approach, that any idea of leaving the Common Market had been scrapped and that plans for state industries privatized by the Tories fall well short of Labour party conference calls for them to be renationalized without compensation.

The tentative plans emerging from the party's big policy review envisage a tax level of between 50 and 60 per cent for top earners with the present ceiling on National Insurance contributions lifted.

Mr Kinnock also confirmed Labour's intention of introducing a lower rate tax

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band to ease people into the taxation system.

On the Conservative Government's trade union reforms, Mr Kinnock said: "Our commitment is to clear it". It would be replaced with laws which left union members in democratic control of their unions, for which "you don't need the library of Tebbitry".

The replacement law would

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Five-year-old Royal relic given 'ancient' status

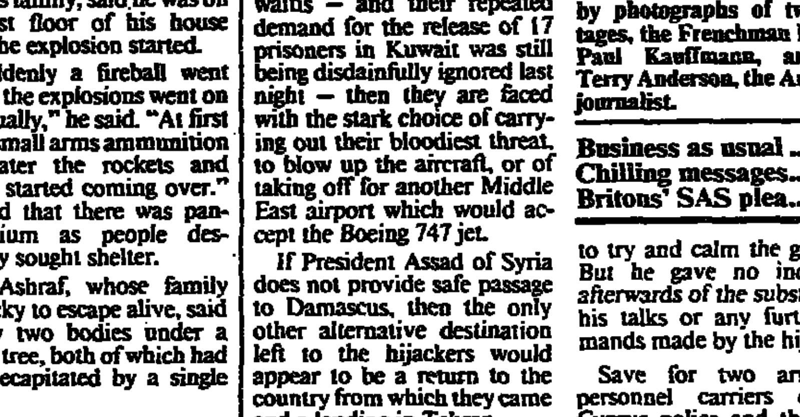
By Robin Young

The house that Mr John Royal built has been listed as a 16th-century building of special architectural and historic interest — even though he completed it only five years ago.

Mr Royal is pleased with the Department of the Environment's unsuspecting tribute to the accuracy with which he reproduced the style of the medieval home he most admired. But he felt obliged to confess that Moss Fenn Lodge, at Sea Palling in Norfolk, is not an exceptionally well-preserved 16th-century house at all.

The roof came from a barn, lintels and doors were obtained from demolition sites, and the bressumers over two inglenook fireplaces were retrieved from a scrapyard.

The bulging walls and thick beams were his own design, as was the nine-inch slope across the floor of one of the bedrooms, which means that the bed has to be propped up straight. "You could not have a house of this sort of period style without settlement," Mr Royal said, "so we built the settlement in as we went along."



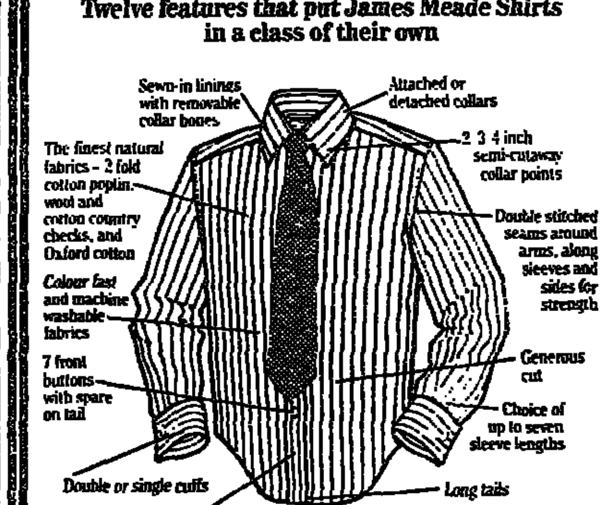
Mr Royal and the house he built with materials salvaged from scrapyards.

Mr Royal and his wife, Simone, lived in a caravan for four years while they built the house in their spare time. Mr Royal said: "We did not build it as a fake. We built it because it is the style of house we wanted to live in, and we could not afford a real one." He said the house is "really comfortable and friendly to live in" although he regrets that building regulations forced him into a number of necessary modernizations.

The Department of the Environment inspector who put the house on the list of protected buildings has told the Royals that he still feels the place deserves its Grade II listing, on grounds of rarity and eccentricity if not antiquity. A department spokesman admitted yesterday that a mistake had been made.

The Royals have not yet been told whether their confession will mean that the building will be removed from the list, but Mr Royal said: "Frankly it is worth nothing to me, except in humour. I do not need any historic building grants because the place is only five years old. Listing can also restrict the alterations that can be made."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Tebbit stands by views on Prince

Mr Norman Tebbit was at the centre of a political scrap yesterday over his apparent criticism of the Prince of Wales in the BBC *Panorama* programme, *Charles: Prince of Conscience* to be broadcast tonight.

Right-wing Conservative MPs said the former party chairman had voiced the irritation that many of them felt over repeated speeches by the Prince which appeared to attack government policies.

Senior Labour politicians said the Prince had every right to speak out on such politically sensitive issues as the inner cities and the environment and accused Mr Tebbit of trying to cow him into silence.

Mr Tebbit insisted that when the programme was shown his remarks would be seen as "wholly supportive of Prince Charles and understanding of the difficult role he plays as Prince of Wales".

Prisoner dies in cell

An inquiry was launched yesterday after a man of 25 facing a charge of attempting to rape a widow of 84, was found dead in his police cell at Nottingham. Paul Allen Boden appeared before Nottingham magistrates on Saturday and was remanded to Lincoln prison on charges of attempted rape and burglary. Det Supt Philip Newton said the prisoner was found collapsed while awaiting transport.

Cost of trust housing

The potential cost of the Housing Action Trusts by which the Government hopes to revive run down council estates could be huge, ministers have been told after receiving a report showing that it cost at least £15,000 per dwelling to rescue one such estate. A study commissioned by the Department of the Environment on the Stockbridge Village Trust, a pioneer trust in Liverpool, has shown that refurbishing its 3,000 houses cost about £45 million. Of that, £27 million was government Housing Corporation and Urban Programme grants. The rest has been private money.

Murder quiz release

A girl aged 14 who had been questioned by the police about the murder of Carol Baldwin, aged 13, was released on police bail yesterday. Another girl aged 12 who has been accused of murdering Carol, of South Holme Court, Thorplands, Northampton, a fortnight ago was yesterday remanded in care until Wednesday when she will appear before a juvenile panel at Northampton. Craig Staton, aged 17, who has also been charged with Carol's murder, was released on bail on Saturday until April 27 after an application was made to a judge in chambers.

Wine lake 'waste'

Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is being wasted in an attempt to transform Europe's wine surpluses into pure alcohol, a Conservative MEP said yesterday. Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset and Hampshire West and a Conservative external trade spokesman in the European Parliament, says that under a special programme designed to reduce the size of the "wine lakes", 132 million gallons of alcohol has been produced from surplus wine at a cost of between £83 million and £124 million – while industry can obtain synthetic alcohol at a fifth of the cost.

Whitehall election

The annual elections for the executive of the Civil and Public Services Association start tomorrow in what promises to be a bitter campaign for control of the biggest of the Whitehall unions. The association is dominated by the Militant Tendency which, through the Broad Left grouping, captured 18 of the 26 executive seats last year to oust the National Moderate Group, which won just six.

Benefit reforms 'may lead to increase in crime'

By David Sapsted and Peter Evans

Nearly 200,000 children from low income families will today lose their entitlement to free school meals and get nothing in their place, according to a Labour Party survey published yesterday (John Clare writes).

The survey was carried out by Mr Frank Dobson, MP, who calculates that another 150,000 children, who previously qualified for free meals because their parents were drawing Family Income Supplement, will in future be entitled to 66 pence a day, which is less than one local education authority in three charges for school lunches.

Eighty per cent of the 113 local education authorities in England, Scotland and Wales replied to Mr Dobson's survey.

From today, under the new Social Security Act, only children of parents who claim Income Support will be entitled to either a free meal or free milk.

The introduction today of far-reaching changes to the state benefits system has prompted a barrage of last-minute criticism, including a warning that the new system could lead to an increase in crime.

Today's changes will be greeted at local benefit offices by demonstrations by Department of Health and Social Security staff, who claimed yesterday that unless planned staff cuts were reversed, tension in the offices could boil over into violence.

A warning of increases in crime came from Lord Henderson of Brompton, chairman of Action on Youth Crime, who said the lower levels of income support for young people under the new system would place many of them under severe financial pressure.

"The temptation to resort to petty theft as a way out of overwhelming financial problems might well increase. There is a real risk that changes in social security legislation will increase the number of young people drifting into criminal activity", he said.

The organization, which counts the Association of Chief Officers of Probation and the Association of Directors of Social Services among its members, said lower levels of income support and changes in housing benefit would mean that youngsters would have difficulty in maintaining their own accommodation, with rent arrears and evictions likely to soar.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, was also accused of disguising the impact of the changes in a letter published today by the Social Security Consortium, representing more than 40 increased emphasis on means-testing in the new system, promoting the relief of poverty rather than preventing it, seems "peculiarly limited for a developed and civilized country of the late twentieth century".

The letter adds: "It is this increasingly narrow and unambitious concept of the role of the welfare state, compared with the clear vision embodied in the post-war benefits system, which we believe undermines any claim the charities, welfare rights groups and local authority associations.

The letter, which accuses the Government of attempting to conceal the numbers of winners and losers under the new system, estimates that there will be a cut of about £500 million in the amount of benefit being paid, including a £60 million reduction in income support, and that one in three recipients of the new family credit will either not gain or be worse off in real terms.

According to the consortium, the Government may make for this month's changes as a 'comprehensive reform'."

A spokesman for the DHSS, however, said the expected numbers of gainers and losers were published more than two years ago and updated last year. There could be no question of information having been hidden.

Further complaints about the changes have been voiced by the British Refugee Council, which says that asylum-seekers will be worst affected because they will have to rely on reduced levels of income support during the initial period when they are not allowed to work.

Rich urged to fund medical research

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The wealthy are being urged to arrest adecline in medical research because of public spending cuts.

The House of Lords' Select Committee on Science and Technology is recommending more private legacies after seeing at first hand their success in bolstering research in the United States.

In its report, published today, the committee reports an atmosphere of despondency among medical researchers. It calls for radical reforms to ward off the "disastrous effects" of the decline.

The report recommends a new authority to oversee medical research and an urgent injection of £25 million a year for three years by the Government to modernize and re-equip laboratories.

The peers say: "Many individuals have done well in the 1980s in Britain. Tax rates have encouraged personal wealth.

"The committee urge that some of this new wealth should be donated to medical research. This would reflect honour on individual donors; would be a means of bestowing disproportionate benefits on the country and indeed the world; and would in this way maintain the twin traditions of medical excellence and private generosity."

The report says: "The growing generosity of the general public who give large sums to medical charities every year makes an excellent contribution. But the strength of private foundations is that, provided their articles are widely drawn, they can fill gaps where the public have not yet perceived a need, or where the need is too diffuse to attract sufficient public interest."

The peers say that if it were not for the charities, medical research would be in a far more parlous state. However, they recommend that the Government should match private donations as it was not "acceptable" that the public's generosity should be used as an excuse for further cuts in research spending.

The report from the all-party committee, including leading academics, will go to the Government. It is also expected to be debated in the House of Lords.

The report says: "The committee could not fail to be impressed, from the tone of almost all the evidence they received, by the atmosphere of despondency that reflected the low morale of those engaged in medical research.

● Pressure increased on the Government last night to disclose which, if any, space projects it is willing to support.

Lord Shackleton, the former Leader of the Lords, and Dr Geoffrey Pardoe, the leading space technologist, criticized the refusal of Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, to collaborate on any major international space ventures since they took office last June.

Mr Clarke, who has prime responsibility for space policy, blamed the delay on "space enthusiasts" who, he said, had called for a number of projects costing more than £1 billion on the Government.

Mr Clarke and Lord Young will be questioned when Parliament returns this week over the handling of negotiations with Canada for collaborating on the £370 million Earth observation satellite, Radarsat.

Canada has been waiting since last June for confirmation that Britain will commit £10 million a year for seven years to the project.

In a letter to *The Times* today, Dr Pardoe writes of deep concern over the "crass short sightedness" of limited involvement in appropriate space projects.

House of Lords' Select Committee on Science and Technology: Priorities in Medical Research (Stationery Office; £6.30).

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Pledge for Dalai Lama



By Andrew Moger

Cardinal Basil Hume yesterday gave Roman Catholic support to attempts by the Dalai Lama to focus attention on the plight of Tibetans under Chinese rule.

In a private discussion, the Archbishop of Westminster, told the spiritual leader of Tibet's Buddhists that he had for some time been "perturbed about the situation in Tibet and the violation of human rights".

Later the Rev Patrick Browne, private secretary to Cardinal Hume, said the two men (above) had met for more than 30 minutes at the archbishop's residence. The Dalai Lama had visited the archbishop twice before in the past six years. "They spoke very directly to each other and got on well", he said. "Tibet was obviously going to be mentioned as the cardinal has expressed concern before."

The exiled Buddhist leader's meeting came half way through his visit to England which has been controversial because of Foreign Office concern that his presence might harm relations with the Chinese government. Before his arrival, the Dalai Lama undertook not to make public political statements about the 1959 Chinese invasion of Tibet.

On Wednesday he will meet the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and other religious leaders. He leaves on Friday.

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Car sales boost for Jaguar

By Tim Jones

The Jaguar car company, which disclosed record sales figures yesterday, will tell shop stewards representing more than 4,000 workers today whether it is going to insist on increased output, in spite of a strike threat.

In order to maintain its competitive edge in the luxurious car market, the company plans to increase output by 92 vehicles a week, boosting annual production from the present 48,000

The company sold 11,997 cars in the first three months of the year, the best quarterly return and 21 per cent more than the same period of 1987. Two thirds of the cars were sold abroad.

Workers, who have twice rejected the company proposals, are threatening to involve Jaguar in its first big dispute in three years.

Union officials at the Browns Lane plant in Coventry say company proposals to offer £12.50 a week would not be worth the increased workload.

Union officials have been mandated by a two to one majority to call strike action if the company tries to impose a settlement.

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P&O digs in for a year-long dispute

By Tim Jones

The P & O European ferry company is determined to hold out for at least a year in order to impose on the striking seamen at Dover the manning and operational changes it considers necessary to secure the economic survival of its cross-Channel operations.

Last night, as the dispute entered its eleventh week, a spokesman for the National Union of Seamen, which is itself on the verge of being taken over because it is too small to be viable, said the men at the port were "as determined as ever".

In spite of efforts by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the dispute has hardened into a conflict between a determined management and a union which sees Dover as its "Alamo".

The company's determination to streamline its ferry operation, which comprises only 5 per cent of its business is evident in its decison to sell two of the 11 ships now strikebound at Dover.

According to the company, it can no longer tolerate a situation where some crewmen enjoy up to 39 weeks holiday a year.

The decision to sell the Pride of Canterbury and the Pride of Hythe was made public after the company had seen its peak Easter traffic creamed off by other companies, notably the French carrier, SNCF.

Kinnock calls on Benn to abandon 'futile' bid

By Robin Oakley and Martin Fletcher

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday urged Mr Tony Benn to give up his "futile" left-wing challenge for the party leadership. But Mr Benn rejected the call out of hand.

Accusing his party leader of being undemocratic and seeking to abandon socialism and stifle internal opposition, Mr Benn called Labour's stance "superficial in its analysis, weak in its remedies, defensive in its posture and vague in its approach."

Their exchanges in separate TV programmes confirmed Labour fears about how damaging a drawn out leadership battle is likely to prove for the party this summer.

Mr Kinnock said that if Mr Benn really believed what he had done in the Labour Party over the last four years made him a tyrant as he claimed "then he must have had a pretty soft political upbringing".

There was a legal and fair system for disciplining those who defaced and brought into disrepute the Labour Party, said Mr Kinnock.

Favourite for Press Council

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Lord McGregor of Durris, who chaired the Royal Commission on the Press between 1975 and 1977, is emerging as favourite to become the new chairman of the Press Council.

A committee of Press Council members formed to find a chairman to succeed Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, in October, meets this week and is due shortly to interview the Social and Liberal Democratic peer and the only other contender, Lord Barber of Wentbridge, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer during the Heath government. A recommendation should be made in time for the next full meeting of the council later this month.

Although the outcome is not cut and dried, Lord McGregor is known to have the powerful support of the Newspaper Society, representing provincial newspapers, and Scottish weekly proprietors.

Lord McGregor, at present chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority, is recognized as having wide knowledge of the newspaper industry and its principle personalities. "He is far better known in the constituency of the press", one insider said.

The Press Council's constitution requires that the chairman should not be directly connected with the press, but there is precedent for a former chairman of a Royal Commission on the Press filling the influential Press Council post.

Lord Shawcross, who chaired the second royal commission between 1961 and 1962, was appointed to the council's top job from 1974 to 1978.

While Lord McGregor is seen as having exemplary press connections, Lord Barber undoubtedly has an entree to Whitehall and, if necessary, Downing Street. Although he is not viewed as a Thatcherite, he was tipped last autumn as a possible successor to Mr Norman Tebbit as chairman of the Conservative Party.

Whoever succeeds Sir Zelman faces the tough task or restoring the council's somewhat tarnished image and credibility among politicians, journalists, and the public.

He will have to bring some newspaper editors "back into the fold." Mr David Montgomery, editor of *Today*, no longer deals with the Press Council and others are openly disparaging about the council's critical adjudications.

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Engineers shortage threatens airliner safety maintenance

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A shortage of at least 600 aircraft engineers is threatening the safe maintenance of hundreds of British jets.

The shortage is so serious that worried aviation chiefs fear that many charter jets may not be able to undergo their major overhaul at the end of the coming summer season.

Now the Air Transport Industry Training Association has asked all airlines for details of their engineering shortfall before drafting an urgent demand for government help to produce more young engineers and technicians.

Mr Jim Rainbow, engineering director of Monarch Airlines and chairman of the association's engineering committee, said yesterday: "I am extremely concerned that many smaller companies who have recently leased new aircraft will simply not be able to get them maintained at the end of the summer season because there will not be enough engineers to do the work.

"Our company is having to turn down work from foreign airlines because we just do not have enough people to fill all the shifts. It is a very serious situation and we hope to collect precise details so that we can make representations to the Government about what should be done."

He blames schools and colleges for failing to produce enough qualified engineers and for failing to liaise with industry.

"First we need to recognize that an engineer or a technician is important and has a status. We are concentrating on getting young unqualified school leavers a job through the YTS scheme but ignoring the enormous importance of technically skilled youngsters who should be joining the aviation industry."

A top class technician working for an airline can expect to earn between £18,000 and £25,000 a year — the same as a pilot with a moderately sized airline.

British Airways is having to recruit heavily and is planning to attract at least 250 new trainee engineers a year to fill its ever expanding needs. "We hope that by recruiting apprentices we will not face a shortage ourselves although we recognize that there is an overall shortage" a spokesman said.

Hardest hit are the small air taxi operators and commuter airlines who cannot match the high pay now being offered by the major carriers to attract sufficient numbers of technical workers. Until recently they were able to fill the gaps by recruiting "freelance" engineers who hired themselves out to the highest bidder throughout Europe. But even these are now drying up.

"It seems that working with aircraft is no longer as glamorous as it was", Mr Jim Boden of ATITA said. "We have been warning of this for at least three years and now it has become even more serious. Engineering diploma courses seem to be very undersubscribed while those concentrating on the arts are filled and the best youngsters all want to become yuppies."

Captain Michael Ambrose, director general of the European Regional Airlines Organization, said: "The problem is serious throughout Europe and affects especially small commuter and regional airlines.

"It has largely been caused by the large carriers cutting back over the years on their apprentice training schemes which has affected the pool of engineers available to all of us.

"We are going to have undeniable problems in expanding out operations in the future because we will be inhibited by a shortage of qualified technicians and engineers."

Champion to the manor borne



Rhyme 'N' Reason, with Miss Vicki Charlton, his stable girl, receiving a hero's welcome yesterday as he arrived at his stables at Whitsbury Manor, Whitsbury, Hampshire, after winning the Seagram Grand National at Aintree on Saturday. A pulled muscle, suffered when he nearly fell at Becher's Brook, prevented the champion from being paraded through the streets. (Photograph: Bryn Colton).

British planes in mass 'air miss' over France

By David Sapsted

An investigation begins today into a report that eight airliners, several British, were involved in a multiple air miss over Abbeville in France.

Mr Mike Wallis, chairman of the British Airline Pilots' Association, said he would be asking for a report on the incident from the association's technical staff today.

One pilot involved sent an anonymous report to the RAF's Confidential Human Factors Incident Reporting Programme. It claimed that an inexperienced air traffic controller at Abbeville, on the edge of British air space, had been "overwhelmed" by the number of aircraft on a holding pattern for Gatwick.

As a result, he instructed several planes to break their holding pattern and, simultaneously, to begin their descent to Gatwick. That caused two of the planes to cross the paths of other aircraft.

Mr Leo Marriott, secretary of the International Federation of Air Traffic Control, said yesterday that the group could not take any action because the French were not members of the federation.

Genetic beans could help to close trade gap

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The widening trade gap could be narrowed by a proposal to grow coffee beans and the variety of bean used in baked beans, two of the biggest imported commodities, in Britain.

The proposal comes after rapid advances in genetic engineering intended to alter the physiology of plants so that they will grow in different environments.

Scientific advisers to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment are optimistic about the long-term prospects of adapting plants, including Mediterranean fruits such as the orange, by genetic manipulation to cope with the British climate.

However, experiments to make plants more resistant to pests or to be more productive in their normal habitat have disclosed complications when introducing "foreign" gene characteristics.

In working with plants, genetic engineers want to keep all the desirable properties of the original variety as well as giving it new traits. In practice, they find they often lose some of the original characteristics.

More importantly, genetic engineers will not be able to recall new micro-organisms once they have been introduced into the environment.

The implications of allowing an increase in the limited number of experimental releases will be examined later this week by technical advisers to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.

The 24 member countries of the OECD include most laboratories working in this field of genetic research. Most are sympathetic to OECD recommendations for a set of international rules governing the safe release of genetically-engineered life forms.

The rules would cover newly-created live vaccines, microbes to be used in industry for food processing and waste treatment and biological forms of pesticides as well as new strains of plants. The OECD advisers hope for agreement on assessing the risks of any proposed release.

Most of the big industrial countries have formed national advisory bodies to prepare guidelines for assessing the risks.

The OECD approach is in line with the initial response to safety adopted in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, The Netherlands and Japan.

However, some countries want tighter regulations. In Denmark, a new law prohibits the planned release of genetically engineered organisms, although there is provision for special cases.

In West Germany, the parliament will consider later this year a report from a special commission recommending a five-year moratorium on any release.

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Parents fight 'abuse' cases

By Peter Davenport

Parents whose children were taken from their homes after a diagnosis of sexual abuse was made using the medical technique applied in Cleveland demanded yesterday that the cases be re-opened.

They insisted they were innocent of any offence against their children and that their situation had been overshadowed by the judicial inquiry in Cleveland.

The parents live in the Leeds area and have formed an action group to campaign for the return of their children.

They said yesterday that of 75 boys and girls, aged between a few days and 16 years, who have been taken into care after the allegations, only six had returned home.

Many of the cases involve the paediatricians, Dr Jane Wynne, of Leeds General Infirmary, and Dr Christopher Hobbs, of St James's Hospital, Leeds.

The two doctors pioneered the method of reflex anal dilatation in the diagnosis of child sexual abuse.

In 1982 there were seven cases of abuse, rising to 79 in 1985, soon after Dr Hobbs and Dr Wynne started their work. Mr Derek James, Leeds director of Social Services, said the numbers for this year were expected to be about 290.

Insurers put aside £1bn to cover Aids claims

By Robert Matthews and David Sapsted

Insurance companies have set aside reserves of at least £1 billion to cover claims from Aids victims over the next decade, it was disclosed yesterday.

However, one of the country's biggest insurance companies said the figure could prove "woefully inadequate" if the disease spread to the heterosexual community.

Young single men face significant increases in premiums and more searching questions about their sexual behaviour when they take out policies this year, but the companies do not believe the disease will result in big rises for other policy-holders.

The putting aside of £1 billion by the insurers comes in the wake of a report from the Institute of Actuaries saying the death toll from Aids could reach 100,000 by 1998.

Mr Peter Clark, deputy actuary at the Prudential and a member of the working party which produced the report, said: "This figure is based solely on our estimate of what is likely to happen as long as Aids remains confined to the homosexual community. If it moves into the heterosexual community, then all bets are off.

"Existing reserves would prove to be woefully inadequate. The life assurance business would be in deep trouble."

Last month, the Prudential increased its Aids reserve from £50 million to £150 million.

Mr Peter Bairstow, assistant managing director and chief actuary of Sun Life, said that it had put aside £30 million last year to cope with Aids victims.

● A drug with proven ability to help Aids patients may be successful in helping those with the virus to avoid developing the full-blown disease, an Aids researcher said yesterday.

Dr Matthews Helbert, a research fellow at St Mary's Hospital, west London, said that a year-long investigation into the use of AZT, which has been developed by the Wellcome pharmaceutical company, proved its ability to prolong the life of Aids patients.

Radio 3 may play pop music

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Radio 1 and Radio 3 could soon link up for a late-night rock and pop music show.

Mr John Drummond, Radio 3's new controller, wants to attract younger listeners and Simon Bates, a Radio 1 disc jockey, is being tipped to present a new programme between midnight and 2am, when Radio 3 is now off the air.

The BBC said Mr Drummond was "looking into the possibility of extending the hours of the network and in doing so would not be ignoring the popular music of today's young people".

Mr Drummond received hundreds of complaints after carrying out modest changes to Radio 3 in January, including the moving of Choral Evensong and scrapping World Service news bulletins.

● Radio 3 is mounting a special five-week Australian Season from next month.

About 30 special programmes will include Aboriginal music, singing by Joan Sutherland and a survey of Australian cinema.

There will be two operas — Richard Meale's *Voss* and Barry Conyngham's *Fly* — as well as documentaries on Australian writers.

Equity threat to TV films

By Andrew Billen

Equity, the actors' union, yesterday threatened to stop all new work on independently produced television programmes if its negotiations for an improved agreement on pay break down.

Equity is to resume talks with the British Film and Television Producers' Association on Wednesday with what it sees as a stronger hand after receiving 99 per cent backing for its refusal to compromise, from a postal ballot of its membership.

The ballot attracted a record turn-out of almost a third of the union's 37,000 members, with 11,935 voting for a continuation of the system whereby actors are paid on the basis of repeat fees and overseas residuals for recorded work; 82 members voted against.

Equity fears that, as independents come to account for a quarter of television programming, members will be increasingly covered by the association's agreement in which those rights are bought out. The agreement ran out last month and the union wants to replace it with a stronger agreement similar to deals made with the ITV companies.

The dispute over the agreement led to the scrapping of *Betty*, a £4.5 million drama series starring Twiggy and Christopher Lee, which was to have been made for London Weekend Television by Eagerworth, an independent production company.

At the union's annual meeting at the National Theatre yesterday, members voted to black all similar projects if no agreement is reached.

Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary of Equity, called the ballot result "a magnificent endorsement".

He said: "What your council has been given is a mandate no previous council has ever been able to claim in what is likely to be a harder fight than any previous council has had to undertake".

Mr Plouviez also said that he backed the Equity agreement under which Mr Martin Shaw has been able to prevent further screenings of *The Professionals* television series.

Under the agreement, ITV can screen series three times in five years but must renegotiate with the actors individually for the right to screen programmes after that. Mr Shaw is understood to feel that his career has moved on since the first series was made.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates the eighty-fifth anniversary of the National Art-Collections Fund today by opening an exhibition of 160 works it has helped to acquire for the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge.

Financial pressure has so reduced the museum's staff that on weekday mornings only the ground floor is open to the public; in the afternoons upstairs is opened.

Last year Cambridge University cut its purchase grant from £8,000 a year to £2,600.

● The Education Reform Bill has been criticized by the Arts Council for what it claims is the narrowness of its interpretation of art in the proposed core curriculum.

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general of the Arts Council, is pressing for a meeting with Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to discuss the issue.

Mr John Cornwell, chairman of the council's education advisory committee, said at a meeting last week at which the council announced its own education programme: "Where is film? Where is video? We believe children must have access to all the arts in schools."

The council's programme is to include the launch of an arts magazine for schools, the establishment of a national resources and training centre, and a two-year research project into arts in prisons, costing £60,000.

It also announced the allocation of an additional £1.5 million from the Government for touring. The money will mean an additional two weeks for ballet tours and 24 weeks of touring by the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Wordy police told to clear the fog

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A campaign to persuade the London policeman to abandon police officialese and abstruse jargon and use plain, simple language is being studied by Scotland Yard.

For 18 months a special research group, headed by deputy assistant commissioner Richard Wells, has been trying to find ways of freeing the force from thickets of verbiage.

A formula known as the Fog Index is being suggested, which would give officers guidelines for putting their ideas down with clarity. They would be exhorted to "Keep it short. Keep it simple".

The problem faced by the research group goes far beyond the often-ridiculed circumlocutions of "I was proceeding in a westerly direction when . . .". The police in London have been gripped by a combination of Newmanspeak — the abstruse management vocabulary linked to Sir Kenneth Newman's massive re-organization of the force — and the effects of working alongside the linguistic contortions of the law.

A recent writer in the *The Job*, the Metropolitan's Police internal newspaper, complained that the force's police surgeons had been re-titled "forensic medicine examiners". Collators, who catalogue local police information, had become "local intelligence officers".

Nomenclature is not the only problem. One senior officer was bemused to receive a report which included a sentence eight and a half lines long.

The answer, drawn up by the research group and now being considered by the Yard's policy committee is a campaign using posters, leaflets and memorandum cards.

Police officers would be asked to test the readability of their writing using the Fog Index. At its simplest, the writer takes a passage of about 100 words and divides the words by the number of sentences. He then takes the number of words with three or more syllables and calculates the percentage of these in the passage.

The two sets of figures together give the "readablity figure". A Fog Index of 23, a high mark, would represent the impenetrability level of, for example, an economics textbook, a Fog Index of 17 would be the level of an article in the *New Statesmen*, 12 to 13 would match an editorial in *The Daily Telegraph*, 10 would be equivalent to the readability of a piece in *Reader's Digest*, a Fog Index of eight would be the score of a passage in *True Love Romances*, and an FI of six is the level of a children's comic.

The police would be advised to aim for a score of 10 to 12.

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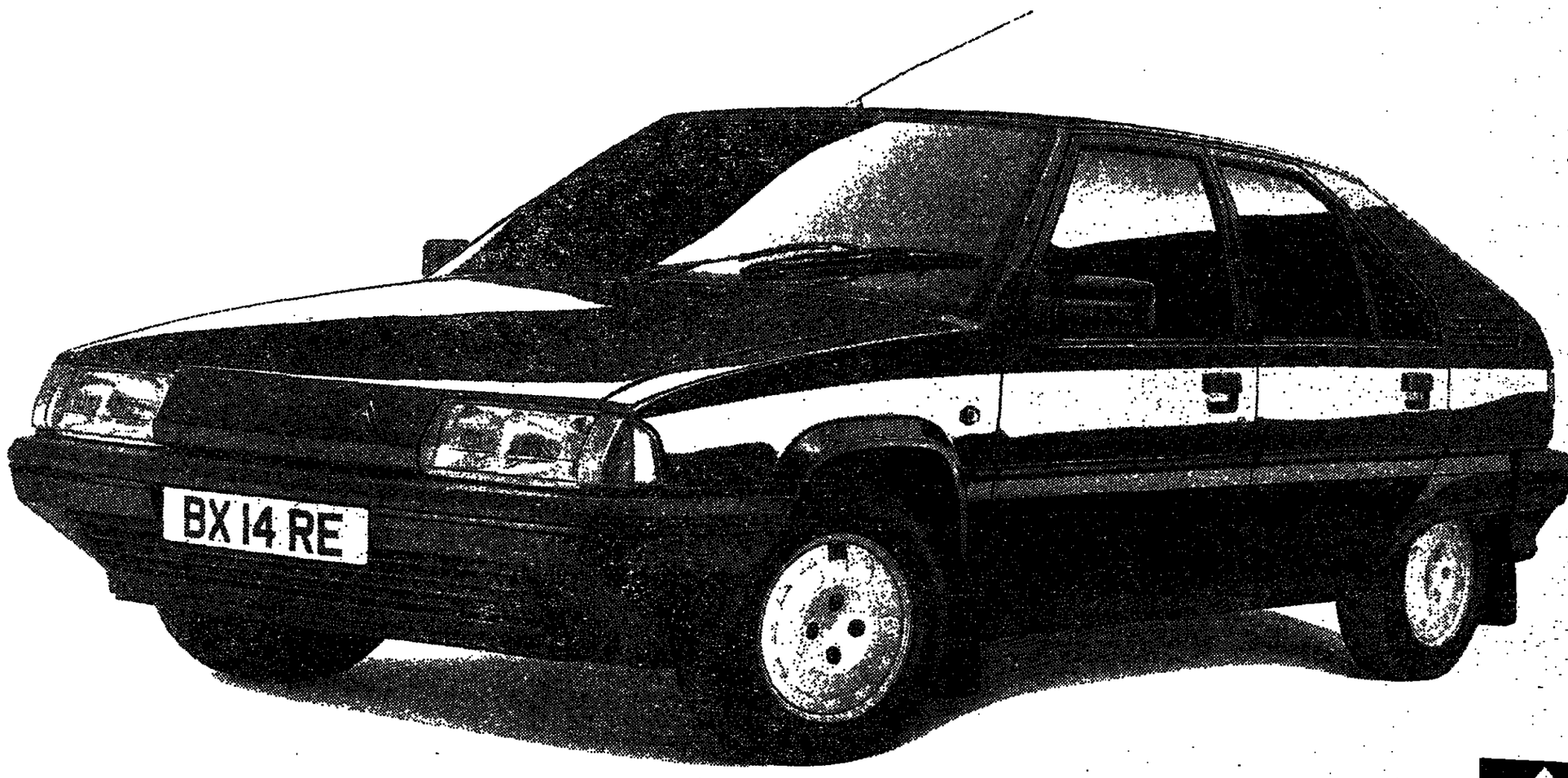
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Councils 'unable to cope' with requests for GCSE material

Local authority services are unable to cope with requests by schools seeking GCSE source materials, according to professional associations.

Council museums, libraries, archives, art galleries, as well as planning, housing, environment, health and surveyors' departments, are being inundated with requests for help with school projects and examination preparation, the associations said.

Pupils are required to submit a portfolio of projects, based on their own research, as part of the GCSE assessment.

The Royal Institute of Town Planners, the museums' and libraries' associations and the Society of Archivists said there was a lack of co-ordination, planning and leadership by the Department of Education and Science in the implementation of the examination and in distributing resources.

There was no nationally organized consultation between members of the professional bodies, who are the suppliers of information, and schools and examining boards. Insufficient training was given on how to deal with education inquiries.

There was also a shortage of staff, money and resources to deal with the big rise in inquiries. In some cases, budgets had been cut since the introduction of the examination because of financial constraints on local government.

The associations said services for schools were haphazard, having being organized mainly through voluntary effort and the foresight and goodwill of individual officers or councils. Where these did not exist, children were disadvantaged because they had no access to essential examination source material.

Mr Phillip Turner, past chairman of the town planners' environment education group, said: "We cannot go on in the hand-to-mouth, patchy way that exists at present. There should come a time when our paymasters recognize what is going on."

He said that more than 200 GCSE syllabuses contained some element of environmental education. The resulting pressure on planners was badly affecting their work. "Every local authority that has an application for an out-of-town shopping centre will be swamped with inquiries about it from schools. Such queries can take anything between 10 minutes and two hours to deal with, and that is a big chunk out of anyone's time. There is a tension there.

"The burden falls particularly heavily on district councils, who have smaller staff and to whom schools frequently turn first. Yet they have no formal responsibility at all for education. Some have just said they will not deal with inquiries from schools, because they are already overburdened."

Mr Ross Shimmon, director of professional practice at the Libraries' Association, who oversees educational provision, said: "There are great variations in quality of educational service from one area to another. What sort of service you get is a matter of luck.

"GCSE is good in itself, but the implications of implementing it properly have not been thought through. We have tried to persuade the Department of Education and Science that libraries have an important role to play but that message has not got home sufficiently for them to put money in. Since it is their initiative, they should fund it."

Mr Brett Harrison, chairman of the Society of Archivists' education committee, said that the problems were worse in council records offices, which collect, catalogue and preserve historic records relevant to their area.

The problems will be highlighted in a special debate at the society's annual conference on Friday. Mr Harrison said: "The archive services is stressed beyond belief. Offices are getting more and more use from schools. They do not have space or money to cope with it and are not getting the educational resources needed."

All records offices needed at least one full-time education officer, he said. In spite of a Department of Education and Science circular in 1968 which recognized the importance of archives in education, there were only 15 education officers at nearly 50 county council and many more district council offices.

"Children who do not have access to an education officer will be positively discouraged. The aim of GCSE was to encourage children to use original sources. It certainly will not be achieved where the auxiliary sources to enable it are not available", Mr Harrison said.

Mr Graham Farnell, director general of the Museums' Association, said that only a "derisory percentage" of the national museums' budget was spent on education.

"It is very unfair on children. In certain areas, they can get an absolutely superb service. Twenty miles away, the quality of materials necessary for teaching and loan might just not be there", he said.

"There needs to be some stimulus or incentive from the DES for local authorities to spend money on these services. Compared with the overall cost of education, the amount would be minuscule."

The Department of Education and Science said: "We are not denying that some areas have more provision for GCSE than others, but if anything is not available locally teachers have to make the best use of what there is. We do not see the differences in provision as a problem because the idea is to make the best of existing sources."

The department said that pressure on local authorities was not only a result of GCSE, but part of a general trend towards increasing emphasis on individual learning.

● A nationwide campaign against allowing schools to opt out of local authority control is to be launched by the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations.

The confederation, whose members include parent-teacher associations at most secondary schools in England and Wales, decided at its annual conference yesterday that opting out would lead to the creation of a two-tier system of state education.

Turning back the wheels of industry



Mr David Stone, of Stocksbridge Engineering Steels, at one of the industrial sites to be planted with thousands of trees (Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

By Andrew Morgan

A rare environmental exercise in co-operation will be launched tomorrow when a leading steel firm combines with the Countryside Commission and local authorities to improve a heavily industrialized valley in South Yorkshire.

The Steel Valley Project has been initiated by Stocksbridge Engineering Steels and is aimed at effecting wide-ranging improvements to the valley where people have been employed at the works since 1841.

The plan was mooted after the works were partly privatized in 1986. Under the British Steel Corporation, many decisions were taken in London.

The valley scheme is part of renewed community involvement.

Stocksbridge Town Council is also participating, as is Sheffield City Council, and the first stages of the scheme will centre on 40 acres of the company's land threading up the valley near the Little Don river. At least 100,000 trees, as well as meadows of wild flowers, are to be planted during the next five years.

A woodlands officer may be appointed to oversee environmental work in the rest of the valley while the company's work dovetails with that of the local authorities. Stocksbridge Steels has invested £20 million in the works, including the cost of the environmental work.

Tomorrow's operation will be marked by the unveiling of a plaque by Mr David Stone, managing director of Stocksbridge Engineering Steels, and Councillor Malcolm Brelsford, Mayor of Stocksbridge. Children from four local schools will help to plant commemorative trees and wildflowers.

Mr Trevor Lodge, of the company, which specializes in high-quality steels, said that the area could return to its condition prior to the thirteenth century when monks cleared the valley's trees for fuel to smelt iron.

"By the turn of the century, this area will be far more deciduous and quite transformed."

Food additives

Public 'needlessly alarmed'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

There have been no cases of food additives damaging human health, apart from allergic reaction, a leading nutritionist said yesterday.

Professor Arnold Bender, former professor of nutrition and dietetics at London University, said the public was being needlessly alarmed by campaigns against the food industry. Manufacturers were being forced by consumer pressure to withdraw safe additives, which resulted in toxic risks being increased rather than diminished.

Tartrazine, a yellow colouring agent, had been one of the main targets of anti-additive campaigners. However, it produced an allergic reaction in only one person in 1,600, far less than those affected by "natural" foods such as milk, cheese, chocolate, shellfish and strawberries.

Manufacturers had replaced it with less effective substitutes, which meant more were being used. Additional preservatives, anti-oxidants and emulsifiers were needed because the substitutes were less stable and less soluble.

Breadmakers had abandoned the use of propyonic acid to prevent mould. Instead, they had switched to vinegar, which was probably less effective but which did not carry an E number used by the EEC to identify additives.

Professor Bender said that by removing all preservatives from yoghurt so that it could be labelled "additive-free" it could become easily contaminated once it left the freezer counter of shops.

The professor, a member of numerous national and international committees and author of many publications on nutrition, said the trouble had begun with the adoption of the E-number system. The public had been led to believe that it was some kind of sinister code designed to withhold information. However, the numbers denoted that the additives had been approved as safe.

In Britain, all additives must be passed by the Government's Committee on Toxicology as safe for human consumption. "But then out of the blue we have these self-appointed bodies like the London Food Commission, which is a political relic of the Greater London Council, and authors who have done very well out of books which persuade people that there is something terrible going on", he said.

"The result is that consumers say that, even though they don't know what these things are, they don't want them.

● The Japanese are turning to Britain as a source of pedigree dairy cattle to improve stock and boost production.

The British Livestock Company (Wyddial) Ltd, of Royston, Hertfordshire, which specializes in animal exports, recently sold a consignment of 20 in-calf Friesian heifers. Previously, Japan had bought mainly Holstein cattle from Canada.

Training and development

New skills needed to be competitive

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

More than 1,200 experts from government, unions, commerce, industry and education are in London to take part in a "training revolution" which they hope will lead to more jobs, increased skills and productivity and greater competitiveness abroad.

They will look at training from top management downwards in the light of government plans to spend more than £7 billion on training and development during the next four years.

The experts will answer criticisms that British companies and their managers are being poorly educated, badly trained and lack the skills needed to raise productivity and win Britain a bigger share in world markets.

The three-day conference in London has attracted some of the leading authorities in human resource development and opens tomorrow with an address by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment.

The delegates will study training systems used in the United States, Japan, Germany and France and consider a Japanese scheme whereby managers must go through a systematic and comprehensive process of self-education and work experience.

In France, employers are required by law to spend a minimum sum annually on training for each employee. Some large firms commit an average 3.3 per cent of their payroll to this purpose. This, among other ideas, will also be under consideration by British company chiefs.

The conference, organized by the Institute of Training and Development, with the assistance of the Manpower Services Commission, will be told by Mr Fowler that changing technology and work practices will require people to develop new skills and flexibility.

Mr Roger Dawe, the new director general of the MSC, who will make the conference's keynote speech, said: "Today, when technology is advancing at an unprecedented pace and foreign competition is fiercer than ever, the skills we require are also rapidly increasing and changing. That is why our investment in people needs to increase and why a national conference on the subject is important."

A total of 75 experts will address the conference, and 40 two-hour workshops have been organized. The conference, at the Barbican, also incorporates an exhibition with nearly 200 stands run by companies and organizations providing training products and services. More than 5,000 senior buyers are expected to visit it from Britain and overseas.

Sixteen winners of the new national training awards will present workshops to show how their training programmes have succeeded. Among them are Dixons, IBM, Shell Chemicals, Rothmans International and the CAP Group.

Conference organizers say Britain is now more concerned about training at all levels of industry and commerce than it has ever been. And the weight of accumulated evidence strongly suggests that we are on the verge of the "training revolution" which experts have been calling for.

Human Resource Development Week conference and exhibition at the Barbican Exhibition Centre, London, April 12-14.

Pollution exemption withdrawn

By Robin Young

A Cabinet Office working party has been set up in an attempt to find a way of bringing Britain's polluted water supplies up to European Economic Community standards.

At midnight last night, under threat of legal action in the European Court, the Government withdrew exemptions under which it has allowed water authorities and water companies to supply drinking water more heavily polluted with nitrates than the EEC limit of 50 milligrams per litre.

But the Department of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture remain at loggerheads as to how the pollution of drinking water by agricultural fertilizers should be prevented.

The disagreement has delayed the introduction of water protection zones within which water authorities could impose restrictions on the use of fertilizers to safeguard tap water from pollution.

The Department of the Environment believes that the polluters should pay to clean up the water supplies, while the Ministry of Agriculture is demanding that farmers with land in designated protection zones should be compensated for any loss caused by restrictions on.

Friends of the Earth, the environmental pressure group, said that the Government could still face a court case if drinking water was not brought up to EEC standards immediately.

Mr Anbdrew Lees, the organization's spokesman, said yesterday: "To prevent further pollution of tap water by nitrates we need extensive protection zones, not small-scale experiments".

Increasing use of powers of attorney

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor is certain to reject a proposal from the Judicial Studies Board that he set down a maximum number of days which judges would devote to judicial training.

In spite of his full backing for the work of the board, which supervises the training of judges and magistrates, Lord Mackay of Clashfern has said that it is "organized by the judges, for the judges".

He said that one reason for his recent increase in the number of Court of Appeal judges was to release Lord Justice Mustill to devote more time to the work of the board.

The board has said the time is ripe to assess the importance of judicial studies.

Hundreds of thousands of people have taken advantage of new rights to appoint someone to deal with their affairs should they become mentally ill or confused.

The rights, which for the first time allow people while still mentally capable to specify how they want their affairs managed in the future, are provided under the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act 1985, which came into force two years ago.

The procedure looks likely to become as routine as making a will. A spokesman from the Lord Chancellor's Department said: "At a time when we have an ageing population, and senile dementia is on the increase, this seems to be a booming area of business."

Already some 3,000 powers of attorney have been registered with the Court of Protection, which means they have come into force because the person who appointed the attorney has become mentally incapable.

Although there are no statistics on how many people have filled out forms setting up an enduring power of attorney, Oyez, one of the legal stationers which supplies the forms, says numbers run to hundreds of thousands. They are now into their fourth print run.

Until March 1986, if someone made an ordinary power of attorney, it became invalid when the person lost the mental capacity to manage his own affairs. Under the new scheme, if the attorney has reason to believe the individual for whom he is acting is becoming mentally incapable, he is obliged to register the power of attorney with the Court of Protection, otherwise his powers to deal with the affairs remain strictly limited.

But first he must give notice both to the individual for whom he acts; and at least three of the individual's relatives (the order of priority for notification is laid down); and they may object either to the registration or the attorney.

Any dispute is settled by the Court of Protection.

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

Tough woman with a hand in the NHS debate

During the debate about the future of the National Health Service, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, has been able to count on a helping hand from Romola Christopherson, his press secretary.

Whether he has been on a public platform or in front of microphone or camera, she has been there behind him, generally unseen.

In Fleet Street, Miss Christopherson, director of information at the Department of Health and Social Security, has the reputation of a tough woman for she believes that the relationship between government and media is adversarial — and she tends towards mistrust of journalists.

Even in Whitehall terms she is considerably less diffident than Civil Servants of her rank are wont to be; in fact she is very direct. When she talks about delivering the message, one gets the idea that this postwoman would not open the letter box but would be tempted to knock the front door down.

That may be too strenuous a metaphor to describe someone who, out of the limelight, is witty, musical and gregarious.

In line with the doctrine enunciated by Lord Armstrong, the former head of the Civil Service, 1980s press officers have come to demonstrate energy and 100 per cent dedication better than their colleagues in administration.

Miss Christopherson's job is to run the large information division in the Department of Health and Social Security but management is not her passion: "All I can do is swoop in and touch the tiller at the right moment."

Her department is responsible for the Aids campaign and nurse recruitment. She says her priority is handling the media on behalf of her Secretary of State, "making the most of the positive news, limiting the damage of the bad news".

The media, she implies, are out for blood. Her job is to clear a path through the journalistic jungle, giving her department and her ministers as much edge, as much control over a volatile process as possible.

To do that, she says, she has to retain the confidence and respect of three lots of people: ministers, fellow officials, and what she calls media customers.



Romola Christopherson: a mistrust of journalists

"Yes, I am the minister's personal press officer, but I am also the department's adviser. Having a close relationship with a minister would not work unless at the same time I have the confidence of the Civil Service machine."

Romola Christopherson is a complete empiricist about the nature of her job, disdaining generalities about the Government information service and Whitehall. She started life in the old Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and has bounced from post to post since then taking jobs as opportunity and personal preference dictated.

She once produced official films and believing, she says, that press officers were trained monkeys, she had to be dragged "kicking and screaming" into press work.

Because of a spell at Number 10 — and her blunt style — the conspiracy theorists have marked her out as a protegee of Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary. But while Mr Ingham might in a dim light pass for Machiavelli, for Svengali, never. The idea just does not square with the departmental loyalties on which Whitehall is founded.

There is, moreover, no mistaking the necessarily personal relationship struck between a minister and his press adviser. "There are four officials a minister sees most: the permanent secretary, the private sectary, the press secretary. . .and his driver", Miss Christopherson says.

His relationship with the official who sees him sweating in front of the television lights, and who drafts his releases, is necessarily close. It boils down, she concludes, to a matter of affinity.

Miss Christopherson exemplifies something Whitehall has one way or another to come to terms with, something that Bernard Ingham does indeed exemplify: how fruitful the relationship between official and minister can be if, in her words, the chemistry is right.

"For the press officer it opens a dangerous area of vulnerability: what happens when a new minister comes along and the personal confidence is not there?"

The implied answer — another department, another minister — does not seem to cause Romola Christopherson any grief, which may have something to do with a persistent metaphor she uses in conversation, calling her work "showbiz". Might some of her work be gamesmanship, a specialized kind of performance? "I'm just a walking, talking press release", she says.

Motorway repairs

Central access gaps blocked

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Nearly three-quarters of the gaps in central reservations on motorways are being closed to prevent drivers attempting potentially fatal U-turns.

A review was started in 1985 after the Department of Transport gave a warning of potential dangers at the emergency access crossing points. More than 900 are expected to be closed by next March.

Motorway roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M1 London: contraflow between jns 4 and 5 (Edgware/A41). Long delays.
M1 Buckinghamshire: two lanes only in both directions at jn 14 (Milton Keynes).
M11 Essex: contraflow between jns 6 and 7 (M25/Harlow). Lane closures, both directions, between jn 8 (Bishop's Stortford) and jn 10 (Duxford).
M25 Surrey: lane closures at night and weekends between jns 11 and 13 (Chertsey/Staines).
M3 Hampshire: hard shoulder and inside lane closed, both directions, between jns 5 and 6 (Hook/Basingstoke).
M4 Berkshire: inside eastbound lane closed, 9.30am–3.30pm, between jns 11 and 10 (Reading/Wokingham).
M40 Buckinghamshire: lane closures in both directions at jn 5 (Stokenchurch).

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow between jns 5 and 6 (Droitwich/Worcester north). Lane closures between jns 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/M50).
M6 West Midlands: southbound entry slip from Salford Circus (Spaghetti jn) closed.

North

M6 Cheshire: contraflow between jns 16 and 17 (Kidsgrove/Sandbach). Contraflow between jns 21a and 23 (M62/St Helens). Slip road closures at jns 21a and 22 (M62/Warrington).
M6 Lancashire: lane closures between jns 26 and 27 (M58/Wigan). Contraflow between jns 29 and 31 (near Preston). M61 closed northbound between jn 9 and M6.
M6 Cumbria: contraflow northbound between jns 41 and 42 (Wigton/Carlisle).
M62 West Yorkshire: contraflow between jns 25 and 26 (Brighouse/M606 Bradford).
M56 Greater Manchester: both exit slip roads at jn 7 (A56) closed for resurfacing.
M61 Greater Manchester: southbound closed between jns 2 and 1 (approaching M62) for 24 hours from 6pm, Saturday. M62 westbound closed for same period between jns 14 and 13 (M61/Swinton)
M63 Greater Manchester: single lane traffic between jns 3 and 6: restrictions for widening of Barton Bridge and construction of Portwood flyover, Stockport.
A1(M) South Yorkshire: contraflow and slip road closures between A635 at Marr and A638 at Redhouse. Diversions.

Wales and West

M4 Wiltshire: lane closures in both directions near jn 15 (Swindon). Roadworks on roundabout at jn 15.
M4 South Glamorgan: lane restrictions at jn 32 (Cardiff).
M4 Mid Glamorgan: lane closures between jns 36 and 37 (Bridgend/Pyle).
M4 West Glamorgan: overnight restrictions between jns 38 and 42 (Port Talbot/A483).
M5 Gloucestershire: off-peak lane closures on both carriageways between jns 9 and 12 (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).
M5 Somerset: lane closures and restrictions on both carriageways between jn 22 (Burnham-on-Sea) and jn 27 (Tiverton).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: one lane only in both directions at jn 3 (A899).
M8 Strathclyde: westbound lane closures between jns 16 and 17 (Glasgow city centre/A82 Dumbarton). Slip road closures.
M74 Strathclyde: lane restrictions near jn 12 (A70).
M90/A90 Fife: northbound carriageway down to one lane.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

President Li takes an advisory role

Peking (AP) – The outgoing President Li Xiannian was elected yesterday to the largely ceremonial post of chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a prestige advisory body. Mr Li, aged 78, succeeds Miss Deng Yingchao, aged 84, the widow of Chou En-lai, who held the post for five years. The current senior leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, is a past chairman. The President, who is believed to be in poor health, was the only candidate for chairman, and elected by 1,839 members of the body.

Easter church boost

Moscow (Reuter) – Thousands of Muscovites flocked to Russian Orthodox Easter services yesterday in the latest sign of renewed religious practice under the Kremlin's drive for *glasnost*. Patriarch Pimen, head of the Russian Church, celebrated midnight Eucharist in the presence of an overflowing congregation at the Epiphany Cathedral, the largest of Moscow's working churches. At the Cathedral of the Assumption, hundreds of young people were kept outside behind metal barriers during the packed midnight service. Soviet state television broadcast part of the Easter service from the Epiphany Cathedral during the night.

Police 'war' on gangs

Los Angeles (Reuter) – A thousand policemen swept through gang-ridden areas of Los Angeles at the weekend, arresting 680 people after the Mayor, Mr Tom Bradley, said: "We are determined to take back the streets from the hoodlums". About half of the arrests were gang-related, police said, but the operation removed from the streets only a small portion of the city's estimated 70,000 gang members, mostly youths whose armed battles to win drug markets have terrorized neighbourhoods.

The police chief, Mr Daryl Gates, declared "this is war" and promised the 1,000-officer sweep after a gangland shooting eight days ago in which one man died and 12 people, including a four-year-old boy, were wounded.

Soviet alerts increase

Moscow (Reuter) – Violations of Soviet airspace have increased by 50 per cent since the West German pilot Mathias Rust landed his light plane here last May, *Pravda* said yesterday. The duty officer at the country's air defence command centre was quoted as telling journalists visiting the centre that in the previous 24 hours Soviet fighters and helicopters had been scrambled 54 times and anti-aircraft missile defences put on alert 150 times because of suspected airspace violations.

The newspaper also noted, however, that there were times when Soviet fighter aircraft violated the air space of other countries and condemned Soviet pilots for occasionally provoking Nato planes.

Bank fraud charges

Milan (Reuter) – Magistrates have laid charges against Mrs Anna Bonomi Bolchini, aged 77, one of Italy's most prominent women financiers. She is accused of involvement in the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's biggest private banking failure. Judicial sources said that a warrant for her arrest on charges of complicity in fraudulent bankruptcy was issued on Friday but that she was allowed to remain at home because of her age and poor health. The sources said that the charges derived from the transfer of about $10 million (£5.3 million) by Roberto Calvi, the head of the bank who was found hanged under London's Blackfriars Bridge, from Banco Ambrosiano's Bahamas subsidiary to Swiss accounts allegedly held in her name.

Boost for Liberals



Sydney – Australia's federal opposition leader, Mr John Howard, left, was jubilant at a weekend Liberal party by-election win at the expense of his coalition partners, the National Party, in Groom, Queensland (Our Correspondent writes). "This 20 per cent swing is the biggest to the Liberals since the War," he said. The candidate of the troubled Labor Party of Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, was a poor third with less than 25 per cent of the vote.

Cool nerve freezes out the melodramas

It would seem rash to predict anything about the American election campaign any more. The voters have confounded the media, the polls and the pundits – the self-proclaimed guardians of conventional wisdom – so often already that all previous assumptions have to be discarded.

A week ago Governor Michael Dukakis was shrivelling before our eyes, withered by the tedium of his dull competence, while the Rev Jesse Jackson swept all before him on a tide of passionate oratory and racial over-compensation.

Mr Dukakis had lost momentum – the vital "big mo", to use a rare memorable phrase of Mr George Bush – and the attention of the networks. The "passion gap" yawned so wide that he was reduced, on television, to asserting that he was a passionate man, turning to his wife and insisting, imploringly: "Kitty will vouch for me." A bewildered Kitty, embarrassingly, remained dumb.

Meanwhile Jesse, as he is universally known, seemed unstoppable. Whites flocked to his meetings. Money poured in. Catchy phrases poured from his lips and into headlines. And as an ultimate accolade, both *Time* and *Newsweek* put his face, smiling from their covers, on every news stand.

Then the voters of Wisconsin had their say. And now? Mr Dukakis is once again perceived as the "inevitable" Democratic nominee, Mr Jackson is said to have peaked, racial barriers are again visible and conventional wisdom, like communist history, has been readjusted to fit the new mould.

The press was wrong again. The record is becoming embarrassing. First the candidates were told that everything depended on Iowa. They campaigned for two years, brought 3,000 journalists to witness the vote and produced two front-runners, Senator Bob Dole and Mr Richard Gephardt, who have both withdrawn. Even the runners-up, Mr Pat Robertson and Senator Paul Simon, have also ceased campaigning.

Then the New Hampshire primary was billed as the nemesis of Vice-President Bush. He won handsomely, confounding the polls, the network anchors, Mr Bob Dole and probably also himself. Next, South Carolina was to be the state where Mr Robertson's invisible army rode into view. It never appeared.

Super Tuesday was called an impossible risk for Mr Albert Gore, the Tennessee Senator with the temerity to ignore "big mo" and bypass the first two contests. He did very well, and remains in the race. Mr Simon, meanwhile, was already

Washington View
By Michael Binyon

written off but had to be resurrected after Illinois.

And then there was Michigan, where the Duke – as supporters like Mr Dukakis to be known when his bandwagon is under way – was meant to show the inevitable result of good money and good organization but instead gave a smashing victory as Mr Jackson whipped up a frenzy in the Democratic Party over nominating a black.

What other conventional wisdom is ready to be overturned? That the Jewish vote will make all the difference in New York? That California, the final primary, will at last come into its own? That Mario Cuomo still matters? That the Iran-Contra affair can still hurt Mr Bush?

The wisest observers note only that American voters are still an independent and somewhat cussed lot. Conventional wisdom, because it is conventional, exists to be bucked. And the media, lurching from one primary to the next like a huge, unwieldy baggage train that hears only its own raucous clatter, exaggerates each result and extrapolates the wrong conclusions.

Mr Bush and Mr Dukakis have survived because they have patience, cool nerves and a long-term view; the press, with its weakness for weekly campaign melodrama, has none of those.

Indeed, it is about the media that perhaps the most fundamental mistakes have been made. Everyone has assumed that television plays the most important role in a presidential campaign. The candidates' media advisers are the most highly paid members of the campaign, and run the show according to photo opportunities and evening news schedules. But Mr Dole, who is wittier and smarter on television than Mr Bush, has been unable to build on his success with one-liners. And Mr Dukakis, a wooden performer if ever there was one, has ended up top among the Democrats.

Political commercials are also seen as the key to success. Yet Mr Gephardt, with his slick lambasting of the cost of an American car sold in Korea, attracted voters' attention in Iowa but also invited damagingly close scrutiny of his trade policies.

Mr Gore, who spent well over $200,000 (about £110,000) on television in one week in Illinois, finished with little more than 5 per cent of the vote.

Television cannot overturn the old political verities, nor build candidates out of straw.

Candidates with something to say, such as Mr Jackson, have done well, and so have those who are consistent – like Mr Dukakis and Mr Bush. The muddled and opportunistic, using television to refashion their messages and images, have not won voter support.

The media – though not the pollsters – have freely admitted mistakes and false calls. In the end, commentators have found the voters' dogged independence healthy, a sign that the old system still works. That, at least, is currently the conventional wisdom.

Nixon sees close-fought victory for Bush

From Christopher Thomas in Washington and Charles Bremner in New York

Mr Richard Nixon said yesterday that Vice-President George Bush "ought" to win the presidential election by a landslide, but predicted that it would turn out to be a close fight.

In a television interview, the former president, aged 75, suggested that the best running-mate for Mr Bush would be Senator Robert Dole, in spite of the fact that the two men do not like each other.

"I am not saying that he ought to take Bob Dole, but George Bush has got to remember that he is weak in the farm states, whereas Dole won Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota, and held Nebraska and Kansas," he said.

Whether the two got along with each other was irrelevant because, "believe me, if they win they'll be bosom buddies thereafter."

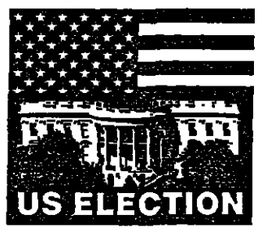
While Mr Nixon was saying emphatically that Mr Bush would win the Republican nomination, Governor Mario Cuomo of New York was sowing further confusion among Democrats.

He appeared to rule out the possibility of accepting a draft as the party's presidential candidate, while continuing to withold his blessing from Mr Michael Dukakis, the front-runner in the race for the nomination.

Mr Cuomo, whose powerful presence is looming over the campaign for the New York primary election on April 19, called a press conference on Saturday to say he was urging a local "draft Cuomo" organization to halt its attempts to bring him into the race.

He said: "It's out, it's ruled out, it always has been ruled out." Pressed to rule out accepting a draft in the future, he said: "I've said over and over that a draft is counter-productive and unwise. How can I say it's counterproductive and unwise, but take one? How can you say one thing and not the other?"

But that is precisely what many political insiders suspect the governor is still doing, a feeling that was reinforced when his press secretary telephoned journalists after the meeting to emphasize that Mr



Cuomo had not excluded accepting a draft in the future.

Mr Cuomo also said he was going to withold his endorsement of any candidate until after the June 7 primaries in California and New Jersey, the last in the season.

This was bad news for Mr Dukakis, who had expected his fellow governor to throw his weight behind him as the candidate of the party's mainstream.

Democratic party elders are said to be concerned about the ability of the technocratic Mr Dukakis to win national support against Mr George Bush, given his continuing failure to bridge the "passion gap".

But they are also highly reluctant to revert to the old, discredited, practice of anointing a candidate through back-room dealing.

Mr Nixon said that Mr Dukakis would win the Democratic nomination. But he would not take the presidential election "unless he goes South".

"His first choice (as a running mate) should be Senator Sam Nunn, who would help in in the South as well as on defence issues. His second choice should be Senator Albert Gore."

Mr Nixon implied in a *Wall Street Journal* article last week that Mr Bush was weak, but described him yesterday as a strong candidate. Since losing in Iowa, the Vice-President had "come into his own". He had come back from defeat, wiped out the opposition and developed an inner strength that certainly was not there before.

Asked if Mr Dukakis was too dull, Mr Nixon said that the Rev Jesse Jackson and Governor Mario Cuomo were poets. Mr Dukakis was a word processor. "On the other hand, he is cool, intelligent, tough and good in debate."

Mr Jackson was a superb candidate. But if he were white he would have been out of the race already as being too far to the left.

Asked if Rear-Admiral John Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North should be given presidential pardons, he said that if Mr Reagan decided that they did what they did because they believed they had the President's approval, or believed that they had been acting in the president's interests, then there would be a good case for granting a pardon.

But pardons should not be granted now because it would give the impression of a cover-up to protect Mr Bush.



A technician puts the final touches to Mr Nixon's make-up before his television interview.

Moscow word machine talks up the benefits of Afghan pull-out

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The Kremlin has launched an intensive propaganda campaign at home and abroad to pre-empt any Western claims that the imminent Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan represents a defeat at the hands of the Muslim rebels.

As well as being important for morale, particularly among tens of thousands of disillusioned Afghan veterans, the move is designed to secure maximum international benefit for Moscow in the run-up to the fourth Reagan-Gorbachov summit meeting due to open here exactly a fortnight after the first troops begin to leave.

Following a Soviet television speech on Saturday night, in which Mr Mikhail Gorbachov confirmed that the withdrawal will now start as planned on May 15, the Moscow press yesterday contained a stream of articles praising the decision, and placing on it what in Washington political parlance would be called a "favourable spin". The commentary in *Trud*, the trade union daily – entitled "An example of goodwill" – and that in Pravda, optimistically headlined "Along the road to reconciliation", traced back the Soviet decision to pull out to the watershed 27th Congress of the Communist Party.

Pravda, whose cover of the war is seen by many Moscow intellectuals as a national disgrace during the *glasnost* era, said that the decision to leave represented "our new mode of political thinking, loyalty to the traditions of good neighbourliness, goodwill and mutual respect which are rooted in Lenin's ideas and were epitomized by the Soviet-Afghan treaty of 1921".

> **Some Westerners have welcomed the war's economic toll**

The euphemistic Soviet commentaries have given their readers little hint of the violent internal divisions splitting the pro-Moscow regime of President Najibullah in Afghanistan, or of the rebel claim that his Government has no control over some 80 per cent of the country.

The dismal performance of the Soviet media (with one or two honourable exceptions, notably *Ogonyok*, the progressive weekly) in reporting the full horrors or even the basic realities of the Afghan conflict have caused some younger Soviet citizens to dub it "the secret war" and to demand that more information be provided, especially about casualties.

Senior official Soviet sources have pledged that once the nine-month withdrawal is finished a complete list of casualty figures will be published here, including the names of the dead – whose number remains a closely guarded state secret, never alluded to in any war reporting which appears in Moscow. Western military experts maintain that the Soviet death toll is now well over 12,000, with at least five times that many men wounded – some of them permanently disabled – and that it is continuing to rise at a rate of around 50 killed or wounded daily.

In addition, tens of thousands of Soviet troops have suffered severe gastric disorders in Afghanistan.

The Western experts, some of whom have privately welcomed the enormous drain which the conflict has imposed on the already hard-pressed Soviet economy, have estimated the cost to the Kremlin at about one million roubles (£1 million) a day, though they acknowledge that this figure is little more than an informed guess.

In diplomatic circles, the high human and economic cost, combined with escalating Soviet public disapproval and the international diplomatic damage that have been caused by the war, are seen to have been the main factors which influenced Mr Gorbachov to end it, whatever the long-term consequences for a stable regime in Kabul or even for one with pro-Moscow sympathies.

> **State media have performed dismally during the conflict**

But a determined effort has been made in the Soviet media, since the day the withdrawal date was first mentioned by Mr Gorbachov in his detailed statement of February 8, to give the impression that the Soviet troops have in some way successfully completed the mission which they were sent to accomplish on December 27, 1979.

A senior Western diplomat explained: "Provided Dr Najibullah remains in power, it will be possible to continue to argue that line with at least a shred of credibility. But if he is overthrown, assassinated or, perhaps most humiliatingly, forced to flee across the Soviet border with his entourage, it will no longer hold any water."

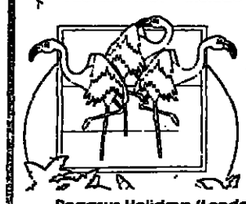
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Business as usual at busy Larnaca airport

Hijack drama is backdrop for picnics and play

From Chris Drake, Larnaca airport

The hijacked Kuwaiti Airways jumbo jet sits near Larnaca airport's lone runway, unique only in the way in which its massive size dwarfs surrounding aircraft.

Charter planes bringing in holidaymakers continue to take off and land, their metronomic arrivals and departures underscoring the business-as-usual atmosphere of the airport which continues despite the life and death drama being played on the sidelines.

To call the scene bizarre understates the situation. Most visitors simply do not believe the Boeing 747 is the hijacked aircraft. They ask why it is not surrounded by police and troops, why it is parked so close to ordinary aircraft, and some wonder why the airport is open at all.

For the locals, the sand hills just outside the airport's perimeter fence yesterday provided the perfect place for a picnic. It was Greek Easter Sunday, the most popular holiday of the year. Ice cream vendors were on hand to provide something cold in the sweltering heat; children played within a hundred yards of the jet, and tourists wasted no time taking holiday snaps with an historic difference.

Luckily it was a sight the hostages were unable to witness. The blinds on their aircraft's portholes had been kept down since it landed on Friday.

Guarded by the hijackers on board the closed aircraft, the hostages had either seen or heard their captors beating up a Kuwaiti military officer, and shooting him three times in the head before tossing his dying body onto the tarmac. Death was closer for them than soft drinks and ice-cream.

Their captors' moods, judging by actions and conversations with the control tower varied between exasperation and desperation and the experience of hostages in similar hijackings is that captors invariably take out their feelings of anger on their victims.

● **LONDON:** Diplomatic sources feel that Britain has strong reasons for standing with Kuwait in its ordeal over the hijacked Boeing 747 (Andrew McEwen writes). Any concessions by the Kuwaiti Government could affect Britain's ability to maintain its own "no deals" policy.

One fear is that the low-level public pressure to obtain the freedom of British hostages in Lebanon, including Mr Terry Waite and Mr John McCarthy, could increase if Kuwait backs down.

But Britain also has wider geopolitical, historical and economic reasons for wanting to ensure that Kuwait's ruling Sunni aristocracy is not overrun by a sustained campaign by Shia extremists.

Kuwait is seen as a small but important bulwark against the spread of the fundamentalist revolution throughout the Gulf. The hijacking forms part of a series of attacks by Shia elements, mainly organized outside the country, which began in 1983 and is apparently designed to topple the ruling al-Sabah family.

At the same time, Kuwait has sustained threats and missile attacks by Iran, probably designed to loosen Kuwait's support for Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war. The Shia extremists are assumed to be in sympathy with the most radical elements of the Iranian Government.

Britain showed its commitment to Kuwait with its decision last year to allow Kuwaiti ship-owners to re-register vessels under the British flag to qualify for protection from the Armilla Patrol.

At the same time Washington allowed 11 Kuwait tankers to be reflagged under the Stars and Stripes.

Britain's long-standing economic links with Kuwait helped the Chancellor to make a relative success of the sale of BP shares last year despite the October stock market crash. Large numbers of shares were bought by Kuwait, which has since increased its holding.

The historical links stem from the 18th century, when the East India Company used Kuwait as a trading post. Kuwait's foreign affairs were administered by Britain from 1899 until 1961.

Chilling messages in broken English

Larnaca (Reuter) – Radio exchanges between the hijackers and the control tower at Larnaca are providing a blow-by-blow account of the crisis for listening reporters.

Many of the messages from the hijackers, speaking clear but often broken English, are chilling.

"Confirm one passenger is hurted," a hijacker said in a matter-of-fact tone on Sunday after a threat to beat passengers unless the plane was refuelled.

Officials in the tower respond calmly. They also repeat everything the hijackers tell them to make sure there is no confusion and possibly as a delaying tactic.

"If they don't get a positive response within one hour and 15 minutes regarding fuel, they are going to start killing or hurting passengers – correction, they are going to start hurting passengers," the plane's flight engineer said.

"Hurting or killing?" asked the tower. "Hurting, hurting, hurtiag," replied the flight engineer.

Some of the exchanges appear to raise prospects that efforts to end the crisis might bear fruit. After the Cyprus Government issued a statement appealing to the hijackers not to carry out a threat to kill more hostages, the tower said: "The statement we talked about has been given for national broadcast by the Government spokesman – copied?" Hijacker: "Roger."

Tower: "We will tell you the time it will be broadcast on FM frequency and the time." "In English?" "In English."

The tower told the hijackers to listen for the next 10 minutes on frequency 94.8 megahertz.

"The statement has been broadcast. Did you receive it?" Hijacker: "I didn't hear anything on 98.4."

"You are on 94.8 megahertz, 94.8 megahertz. If you did not hear it, we can repeat it . . . The message will come again on 98.4 megahertz."

"I will be monitoring that frequency."

The statement was broadcast again by Cyprus Government radio. "Okay, I just received the message," the hijacker said, sounding pleased. "Our response to that one is 100 per cent positive. Okay, we do not execute our threat."

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Tutu challenges Pretoria on troops in Namibia

From Michael Hornsby, Katutura, Namibia

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, preaching to a packed church in this black township of 60,000 people, yesterday told South African troops to "go home and leave the people of Namibia alone". They offered the kind of protection, he said, that Namibians would rather do without.

A congregation of more than 1,000 ululating blacks, and a few whites, greeted the Archbishop and 18 black and white Anglican bishops from all over southern Africa as they arrived in their cream, gold and crimson robes for the service in the dusty squalor of this Namibian Soweto.

Katutura lies just outside Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, which is also known as South West Africa. A German colony before the First World War, the vast territory of some 319,000 square miles has been controlled since 1915 by South Africa, for the last 17 years in defiance of international law.

Pursuing his spiritual challenge to the Pretoria government, Archbishop Tutu and a party of nine bishops had returned to Windhoek on Saturday evening from a two-day visit to Ovamboland, about 360 miles to north, on Namibia's war-torn border with southern Angola.

This remote area, where more than half of Namibia's 1.19 million population lives, has been the scene of 22 years of desultory but murderous bush warfare between the South African security forces and the guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization.

On Saturday, Archbishop Tutu held a service at Oshakati in a church a few hundred yards from the perimeter fence of South Africa's main military base in the region.

Canberra (Reuter) – A petrol bomb destroyed a South African diplomat's car at his home in the Australian capital early yesterday. No one was injured in the attack and there have been no claims of responsibility.

Afterwards, he accused Pretoria of "cocking a snook at the world" by its continued occupation of Namibia.

While the bishops celebrated communion with their congregation, military vehicles rumbled constantly up and down the nearby road between Oshakati and Ondangwa, a huge, sandbagged air force base, some 20 miles to the south-east, which bristles with radar installations.

The South African military presence in the area is far in excess of what would be needed merely to contain the modest military threat posed by Swapo.

Pretoria uses Oshakati and Ondangwa as the main staging-posts for operations inside southern Angola in support of the Unita rebels.

Whether by accident or design, Archbishop Tutu had timed his tour of the war zone to coincide with last Friday's visit to Windhoek by President Botha, who afterwards announced that he was giving strengthened powers to the South African administrator-general here.

"My neighbour in Cape Town came here and made it quite clear that the government in Cape Town is the government of Namibia," the archbishop said. He called the nominally autonomous Windhoek administration no more than an "echo of the master's voice".

After his meeting with the local administration, Mr Botha said that he was giving the administrator-general, Mr Louis Pienaar, the power to curb newspapers which promoted "subversion and terrorism" and to restrict organizations which sought to achieve political goals by violence, thus apparently threatening an extension of South Africa's state of emergency to Namibia.



Archbishop Tutu meeting Bishop George Kauluma of Namibia in Oshakati during his visit to the troubled border region.

He also empowered Mr Pienaar to hold controversial elections to ethnically-defined local authorities.

Most of Namibia's 78,000 whites want the authorities preserved, but the multi-racial Windhoek government is seeking to abolish them in an attempt to win wider support among the Namibian population. Many of those in the congregation in Katutura yesterday sported the red, blue and white colours of Swapo, which has a legal political organization here and is separate from the guerrilla wing, the People's Liberation Army of Namibia, which operates from bases in Angola. Archbishop Tutu and more than 20 bishops of the southern African province of the Anglican Church are holding their annual synod in Windhoek this week to mark the tenth anniversary of the passage of the United Nations Security Council's Resolution 435 calling for independence for Namibia.

US dismay as anti-American feeling rises in Honduras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A surge of anti-American feeling in Honduras, a desperately poor country economically and politically dominated by the US, has dismayed the Reagan Administration and raised questions about their future relations.

US officials have also been taken aback by the extent of hostility its economic crackdown on Panama has brought among the people there. Three days ago President Reagan widened sanctions on the country by ordering a freeze on all Panamanian government assets in the US and prohibiting all US payments to the Government of General Manuel Noriega, the *de facto* leader.

The two crises appear to be fuelling an upsurge in anti-Americanism throughout Latin America, even though there is widespread dislike for General Noriega and deep disdain for Honduras for allowing itself to become a US client state. Traditionally, Latin American nationalism focuses on complete freedom from foreign influence.

Honduras was the one country that seemed securely within the American orbit, largely because the US keeps the tiny economy afloat and the Government is avowedly capitalist. But the bewildering and contradictory American moves over the past two years to support and then to cut off aid to the Nicaraguan Contras have created growing confusion, anger and fear.

The immediate catalyst for anti-American violence was the extradition to the US of a Honduran who was said to be a drug trafficker. The Honduran Constitution forbids such extradition, and the move is seen as yet another example of US domination.

The arrival of some 3,000 US troops last month in a gesture of support to the Contras also fuelled anti-American sentiment. There was already a feeling that national sovereignty had been virtually given over to the US, which has maintained a presence of at least 1,000 troops there over the past six years. It has openly used economic aid to bend the civilian Government and the military to its will.

There is fear in Tegucigalpa that once Mr Reagan is out of office, Honduras will be left to pay the political price for supporting US policy against Nicaragua. It also fears enormous financial and social costs if thousands of Contras try to settle in the country.

In Panama, the business community has largely turned against US strategy to bring down General Noriega because of fears that the economy is being irreversibly damaged. Already Panama's promising future as the financial centre for Latin America has been shattered.

Anti-American feeling has grown rapidly since March 3, when the 130 financial institutions were forced to close because of a US-triggered currency crisis.

Colombo talks to guerrilla leader

Colombo – President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka had two hours of talks with a Tamil guerrilla leader, it was reported (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The President's discussions in the capital – with Mr Uma Maheswaran, the head of the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam – marked the first time he had met a rebel fighting for a separate state in the island's Northern and Eastern provinces.

According to *The Sunday Times* here, informed sources said that among the subjects discussed were elections to the merged provincial council, the future of the Indian peacekeeping force, and the role of the guerrilla group within a democratic framework.

Cocaine seller

Rutland, Vermont (Reuter) – John Zaccaro, son of Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, the 1984 US vice-presidential candidate, was found guilty of selling cocaine to an undercover police officer in 1986.

Poll killings

Dhaka – Four people were killed and more than 100 others injured in violent clashes during re-run village mayoral polls, police said.

Rebel kidnap

Diyarbakir, Turkey (Reuter) – Kurdish rebels kidnapped five children from a Turkish hamlet near the Iraqi border, security sources said.

Everest body

Hong Kong (Reuter) – A Chinese climbing team found the body of an unidentified mountaineer 4,500 ft below the summit of Mount Everest.

Turks edging closer to EEC's expanding orbit

By Richard Owen

A year ago, almost to the day, since Turkey submitted its application for EEC membership, the community appears to be softening its initial opposition. During her visit to Turkey at the end of last week Mrs Thatcher went as far as she could to assure the Turks that Britain was sympathetic to Turkish entry into the EEC in spite of all the "difficulties" – provided Turkey understood that the process would be a long one.

The Prime Minister was preceded in this by M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, who declared in Ankara in January that France would not block Turkey's application.

One little-noticed consequence of the EEC's determined drive to complete the single European market by 1992 has been the desire of European nations on the edges of the Community to be drawn closer into its orbit – and preferably to join it. After 1992, the argument goes, the EEC will form a united political and economic bloc, with no internal frontiers and no internal barriers to trade.

As this prospect becomes a reality rather than a pipe-dream it is causing profound concern among "the other Europeans", principally those nations which belong to the European Free Trade Association, such as Sweden, Norway and Austria. All of them do most of their trade with the EEC, and none of them wants to be excluded from the benefits of an internal market of 320 million people.

Just as Mrs Thatcher was winding up her Turkish trip, Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Commissioner for External Relations, was in Vienna opening the EEC's first diplomatic mission to Austria. Dr Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, said that Austria would ensure that its economic laws and regulations were kept in line with the 1992 programme. Austrian officials have said that an Austrian application for membership is "very much an option", and that Austria hopes, in the meantime, to become a *de facto* 13th member.

This approach is matched in Sweden and in Norway, which voted against EEC membership in a referendum in 1972. The White Paper published recently in Oslo on Norway and the EEC hinted strongly that the referendum decision might be reversed.

All of which presents senior EEC officials in Brussels with a dilemma: how to encourage would-be members to forge closer links with the EEC without, at the same time, encouraging actual applications. EEC officials are flattered at the surge of interest in what 1992 will mean for "the other Europeans". But they hold firmly to the view that 12 is an optimum number, and the EEC is still coping with the absorption of Spain and Portugal in 1987.

The priority is to complete the complex task of creating the single market, which already involves "harmonizing" 12 different economies. Only then – perhaps in the mid-1990s – can enlargement even be considered.

The calculation is that there are enough obstacles to keep would-be members at arm's length for the moment. The Russians have already warned Vienna that EEC membership would breach the 1955 treaty guaranteeing Austrian neutrality (and forbidding any formal links with Germany). For that matter, the Waldheim affair has done little to enhance its image in Europe.

The obstacles to Turkish membership are even greater. Turkey has a 25-year-old association agreement with the EEC, and ties – including frozen EEC aid – will be discussed at foreign minister level in Luxembourg on April 26. But, in spite of Mrs Thatcher's tactful remarks, the EEC does not want a flood of Turkish migrant workers in Europe (there are already two million in West Germany), the Turkish economy remains weak (although it is developing fast) and Turkey's human rights record is poor.

Efforts by Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister, to prove that Turkey belongs to Europe rather than Asia fail to convince those who regard Turkey as a Muslim culture at heart. Greece, which takes over the EEC presidency from West Germany in July, will certainly still the Turkish application, in spite of the recent limited rapprochement between Athens and Ankara.

The strongest Turkish argument, and one which may prevail, is that since Turkey belongs to Nato it should also be in the EEC. The same argument can be applied to Norway. The distinction between European Nato and the EEC is becoming increasingly blurred as the EEC deals with political and security matters as part of the 1992 process.

If the EEC, having achieved a unified economy, goes on to adopt a common defence policy this would have far-reaching implications for neutral nations such as Austria, Sweden and Ireland.

Uncertainty after decade of progress for Green parties

From Richard Owen, Antwerp

Europe's 12 Green parties converged on Antwerp at the weekend to discuss their role in local government, 10 years after public concern over the environment first gave environmentalists a political platform. But behind the earnest speeches on rubbish disposal, urban transport and the role of women, there was an undercurrent of anxiety.

The Greens are a significant force on the Continent, – unlike in Britain, where they tend to be seen as lunatic fringe. But after a decade of what one delegate called phenomenal progress, the Greens' political future in Europe is uncertain. The anti-pollution, anti-nuclear bandwagon seems to be losing its attraction and the Greens are trying to broaden their appeal beyond narrow ecological issues.

According to Miss Sara Parkin, a leading British Green and one of the European Greens' "co-secretaries", the Continent's environmentalists are at a watershed. At the Congress, hosted by Agalev, the Belgian Green party – which has 11 MPs – activists set up stalls suggesting business as usual.

There was a crèche for Green Party children, lapel badges proclaimed "Let our rivers live" and "Say no to Nato", posters showed a vicious-looking missile strangled by a vigorous green tree with a dove in its branches.

But the superpower agreement removing intermediate range missiles from Europe has taken the wind out of the anti-nuclear weapons campaign. Equally, Green objections to nuclear power stations, given a temporary boost after the Chernobyl disaster two years ago, are finding less public support.

Above all, the young idealists who founded the Green movement in the heady days of the counter-culture are older and better off. The ad men have identified a new market: Green upwardly mobile professionals, or guppies.

Some Greens at the Antwerp congress, such as Frau Luise Teubner, a West German Green MP, argue that the Greens' successes in "raising public consciousness" far outweigh current difficulties. Many voters, they say, share their aim of a healthy environment free of dangerous technologies or the threat of war.

But the Greens are in danger of letting the establishment political parties steal their clothes. All mainstream parties now have environmental policies, and industrial companies have become ecology-conscious. The Greens, the congress concluded, must remain active in local politics but also "go global".

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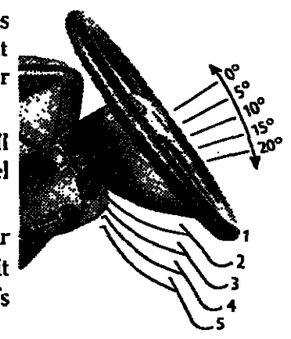
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Israeli court bar on punishment of Beita

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

The Supreme Court here yesterday issued an interim injunction forbidding the demolition of any more houses in the West Bank village of Beita, where the Army has already blown up or bulldozed 14 houses of villagers suspected of involvement in last Wednesday's bloody confrontation with a group of Israeli settlers.

The injunction was requested by an Israeli civil rights group, which claimed that the conflicting reports on what took place at Beita makes any form of punitive action against the villagers premature.

Israel Radio yesterday carried a report that houses in the village had been demolished on the evidence of the young Israeli settlers involved in the incident. It said that the youngsters were taken back to the village and asked to identify anyone who was involved in the attack on them. It was on this evidence that the homes were demolished.

But the reliability of the settlers' account of the incident, in which a 15-year-old Israeli girl and two Arab villagers were killed, has been called increasingly into question over the weekend, particularly since the dissemination of details from the Army's investigation into the affair, which have differed substantially from those given by the settlers.

The Army's investigation has raised a possibility that the girl may have been shot dead accidentally by one of the two guards who accompanied the 16 teenagers from the West Bank settlement of Eilon Moreh on their hike through Beita, and not by the villagers as the settlers claim. An post-mortem examination found a bullet from the guard's M 16 in the girl's head.

The investigation also failed to back up the settlers' claims that the villagers had tried to massacre them, noting that they had had ample opportunity to do if they had wanted to. In the event, apart from the dead girl, only the guard — who had earlier killed two Arab villagers and wounded two others — was badly hurt. Another 14 children suffered minor injuries, caused mainly by stones thrown at them.

The army account attaches considerable weight to the irresponsible conduct of the hikers, who had not co-ordinated their hike with the Army and were not protected adequately. There are also suggestions that the whole incident may have been averted had it not been for the precipitous behaviour of the guard, Mr Romem Aldubi, who apparently set off the tragic train of events by shooting one of the villagers without any true justification.

The settlers and their right-wing political champions have denounced the army report bitterly as a deliberate distortion of events intended to shift the blame from the villagers to the settlers and thereby to pre-empt calls from several right-wing politicians for retaliation against the Beita villagers.

Mrs Geula Cohen, the fiery leader of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya (Revival) party, yesterday called on the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, to dismiss the Chief of Staff, General Dan Shomron, for his part in the alleged distortion.

Ministers belonging to the right-wing Herut party of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, met the settlers' children yesterday and are demanding that the Army version should not be sacrosanct but should be weighed against that of the children.

The Peace Now movement has demanded, meanwhile, that the children be given lie-detector tests to resolve the many contradictions in their account of events.

In the Cabinet yesterday, Likud ministers attacked the Chief of Staff bitterly for having taken a position on the affair before an investigation had been completed.

The Likud Minister for Construction and Social Welfare, Mr David Levy, also wanted to know why the Army had done nothing to rescue the hikers, leaving them at the mercy at the villagers.

The Cabinet resolved yesterday to continue with the investigation being conducted in tandem by the police, who are questioning the Israelis involved, and the Army, which is questioning the Arabs. Hundreds of Beita villagers have been questioned and some 30 have reportedly been detained.

Whatever the outcome, last week's fiasco at Beita has emphasized the deep distrust that has long characterized relations between the West Bank settlers and the Army, and the Cabinet is going to have to tread a delicate line that will uphold the credibility of the Army without antagonizing the settlers.



Palestinians aiming home-made catapults at Israeli soldiers at a demonstration in Nablus on the West Bank at the weekend. The troops used tear gas to disperse the protesters.

Turmoil in Punjab: Part 1

Arms build-up at the Sikhs' holiest shrine

More than 700 people have been killed by Sikh separatist gunmen this year, and the increasing turmoil in India's northern state of Punjab is the biggest problem facing Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Government. In the first of two articles Michael Hamlyn reports from inside the Sikhs' holy city on the growing threat.

After the sun has gone down and the historic city of Amritsar prepares for sleep, the lights of the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine of the Sikh religion, reflect across its marble walkways and its mystic pool. They glitter on the beaten gold of the newly built dome of the Akal Takht, the seat of both the temporal and spiritual power of Sikhdom.

Accompanied by chanting and music, and ritual versicles and responses the great holy book, regarded since 1708 as the only successor to the line of 10 Sikh gurus, is taken out of the Harimandir — the shrine in the centre of the pool — carried on the head of a priest, and then in its own gilded palanquin put ceremoniously to bed.

The ceremonies are watched

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over by two young men in the round turbans, long shirts and bare legs of Sikh warriors, each carrying a Kalashnikov AK47 automatic assault rifle.

The guns are back in the temple where, four years ago, Sikhs and soldiers battled across the marble, tank tracks crushed the stairways, and the Akal Takht was shattered by shellfire. Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the terrorist holyman, told me then, before he made his last stand in the Takht building: "If the Indian Army comes in here, we shall make them eat iron lentils."

This weekend, his words were echoed by Giani Jagir Singh, an angular grizzled warrior who is the official spokesman for the so-called Panthic committee, a loose confederation of Sikh armed extremist groups, who take the name of the Sikh religious community — the Panth.

"If they enter here, we shall give them the same reply as we did in 1984," he said, lounging on a first-floor balcony overlooking the inner temple.

Giani Jagir Singh, a wanted member of the Khalistan Commando Force, one of the guerrilla groups, is unashamed of the stockpile of guns in this holy place. His friend and colleague, Mr Nirvair Singh, a former high priest, goes to fetch his own Kalashnikov for me to admire. It is a Chinese-style version with the skeleton fold-away stock, and painted with the words Khalistan Commando Force, No. 12.

Khalistan — "the land of the pure" — is the name given to the independent Sikh state the extremists want to carve out of the flesh of Mr Rajiv Gandhi's India. "We want to be *bakra ar azad* — separate and free," said the Giani.

The collection of weapons in the Temple is not without historical sanction. "The Golden Temple authorities cannot refuse any offer from a Sikh," he added. "The sixth Sikh Guru, Hargobind, who built the Akal Takht, asked his followers instead of money to offer good weapons and horses to the Temple."

But the Indian authorities are now seriously worried about the flow of these assault rifles and other armaments across the border with Pakistan, which lies only 20 miles away to the west.

Mr Abdul Siddiqui, the senior policeman in the five districts to the west of the troubled state, explained: "The terrorist incidents are not happening as often as people think, but one thing that is adding to the deaths is the influx of these sophisticated weapons."

Mr Siddiqui, the deputy inspector-general of police for the Jullunder range, showed off a collection of such arms captured a few hours earlier from four men carrying them into the state from the border area. There were six AK47s, one Indian-style Sterling sub-machinegun, eight automatic pistols, one .38 revolver and three unfamiliar machine carbines, which the police guessed were Chinese.

This was the second large cache of weapons the police had found in the past few days, and Mr Siddiqui, a Muslim whose Sikh predecessor was assassinated on the steps of the Golden Temple in 1983, was sure that police morale had improved as a result.

But the authorities were reported yesterday as fearing that Stinger anti-aircraft missiles were among the arms presently being smuggled in from Pakistan. There is no concrete evidence for this fear, although there is evidence — one was fired two weeks ago — that RPG 7 rocket-propelled grenades have arrived.

The newspapers have been boasting for a week now that the Pakistan border "has been sealed". But the assertion is

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plain nonsense. There are nearly 2,000 miles of frontier between the two former halves of British India, much of it following no geographical feature; no natural boundary, but simply a line drawn on a map by Sir Cyril Radcliffe under instructions not to take defence considerations into account. Mr Siddiqui admitted: "It is not possible to seal. But we are trying."

His view was endorsed by the man who has the job of doing it, Mr Prakash Singh, the Inspector-General of the Border Security Force in Punjab. He explained that many of the latest sensing devices may not be used on the frontier because of agreements with Pakistan.

In the meantime, weapons continue to cross the border, the Sikh guerrillas continue to carry out their outrages, and the last hope for a political solution now begins to revolve around a 34-year-old religious Sikh, Mr Jasbir Singh Rode, a nephew of Sant Bhindranwale, trained at the seminary for extremists once headed by his uncle. He is the new high priest of the Akal Takht, and much now depends on him.

Tomorrow: Is there a way out?

Poles move West in search of work

By Anatole Lieven

More than one million Poles travelled to the West last year, according to figures published by *Trybuna Ludu*, the national party newspaper. It is the highest figure since Solidarity was suppressed in 1981.

The report did not say how many failed to return, but the official statistics of 16,000 emigrants and 10,000 asylum seekers are believed to represent only a proportion of those who settled in the West.

Trybuna Ludu says that there are currently some 350,000 Poles living in the West "beyond the expiry of their passports". The real number could be as great as 600,000. It is difficult to estimate accurately, because many of those resident in the West intend at some stage to return home, or will do so if they fail to succeed on this side of the Iron Curtain.

But the newspaper says that the Polish Government does not plan to halt its liberalization of travel controls. These include a new passport, valid for 10 years instead of the present five, which is due to be introduced this year.

The reason for Warsaw's acceptance of the situation is the same as the reason why so many Poles wish to work abroad: the economic misery of today's Poland. In effect, it is becoming a country of migrant workers, following the pattern of Turkey, Portugal and southern Italy.

Despite high unemployment in Western Europe, and the poor pay offered in the the semi-legal work which is all that is available to most recent Polish emigrants, they still find a higher standard of living than at home.

The older Polish communities in Western Europe are in France and Britain, where many ex-servicemen and their descendants have lived since the Second World War.

Stricter immigration rules have meant that the new wave of emigrants have settled in other countries — above all West Germany — where they can be found in every sort of semi-casual job, from nannies to building labourers.

The Warsaw Government, disclaimers notwithstanding, welcomes this development because the cash these workers send back to their families in Poland is an important source of foreign currency for the tottering economy. It is much less happy about educated and professional people emigrating. Other recent articles in the Polish press have pointed to the danger of a massive "brain drain", on the level of that in many Third World countries.

Some Poles remark that this trend could be seen as a factor in bringing the two halves of Europe back together, and contributing, though in a very limited way, to the recreation of a common European economy and society. But it is not the way in which they would wish it to happen.

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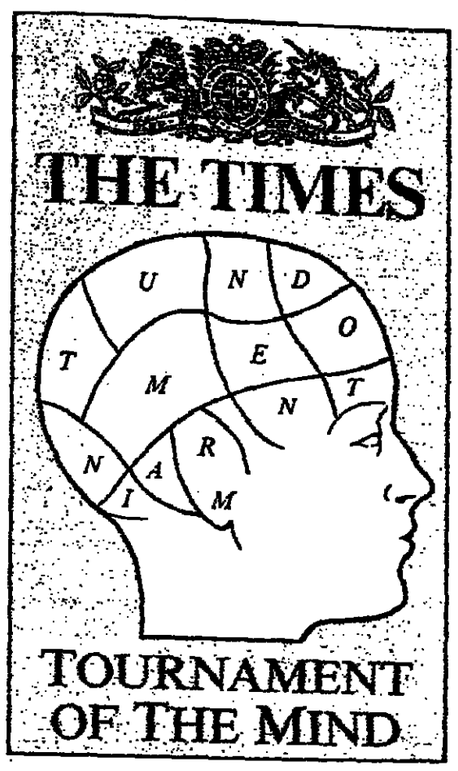
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Let the last great battle begin



- Today is the start of the individual final of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind for the 124 top-scoring entrants.
- One of them will win £5,000 and become *The Times* Mind of the Year.
- But everyone can enjoy the challenge of these questions every day this week in *The Times*

From a total entry of more than 30,000 individuals, 124 have qualified to enter the the final stages of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind. Today we publish the first set of problems in the finals, which will continue every day this week with the last questions to be published on Saturday.

In the earlier rounds, the questions, set by Mensa, became increasingly difficult; in the finals they will all present a real challenge — and even those who have not reached the finals will enjoy pitting their brains against some of the best in Britain.

The individual winner will receive £5,000 and *The Times* Mind of the Year trophy. In the event of a tie at the end of this week's contests, further questions will be set until an outright winner is found.

All the finalists should have by now received preprinted answer forms, which will have to be returned by Friday, April 22. The schools' final for the prize of an IBM Personal System/2 computer will be played over five days in *The Times* beginning on Monday, April 18.

INDIVIDUAL FINAL - ROUND ONE

1 LOGIC

The letters of the word NEWSPAPER have been placed haphazardly in the square, below. By starting at the bottom N and moving upwards to the top R, from square to touching square, you will find more than one way of collecting all the letters of NEWSPAPER, in any order. You cannot move diagonally or collect more than nine letters. How many ways can you find?

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2 VERBAL

Can you think of two words of the same four letters, which have a direct association with each part of the sentence, to replace the stars in the following:

"The * * * * left the water's edge, flew over the horses and landed in the * * * * "

3 MATHS

Four cog wheels are in constant mesh. The largest has 654 teeth, the next has 32, the next 12 and the smallest 6. How many revolutions will the largest cog have to make before all cogs return to their original position?

4 MISCELLANEOUS

What does this series of numbers represent?

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Name the French Jesuit who was ordained in 1623, *evangelized the Hurons and was finally tortured to death* by the Iroquois.

2. Which group of Greek philosophers believed that reality is timeless, motionless, changeless and indivisible and that any belief to the contrary is brought about by the frailty of the human senses?

3 Which chemical element is used in a system of dating materials utilising its production in the form of alpha particles during the radioactive decay of *uranium-235, uranium-38 and thorium-232*?

4. Which word in Indian religions represents the sounds A, U and M?

5. Name the Russian prince who married the niece of *the last Byzantine emperor.*

All those little white lies . . .

The progress of two men through our prejudiced society is observed by **Brian James**

On BBC1 tonight television begins an "investigation" made no less compelling by the leaden feeling from the first minute that we know precisely what they will discover: a mirror held up to British society reflects back little that is very new, and absolutely nothing that is very nice.

The subject is racial prejudice, and the method taken by the *Brass Tacks* team was to send two young men, one black (Geoff Small) one white (Tim Marshall) to Bristol to make identical applications for somewhere to live, for jobs, for admission to pubs, and then compare their experiences.

The results are shown in four 30-minute sessions from this evening. The team involved expect a reaction of revulsion to their *cinéma vérité*. I doubt if this will happen, for the programme shows Britain in its true colours on race, and this, deep down, we already know.

Yet it is gritty stuff, certain to provoke outraged landladies and pub landlords, caught on camera via a lens poking through a slit in a briefcase, to claim misunderstanding of their attitudes, invasion of their privacy. Ignore them, for throughout they lied with a dreadful, practised ease.

Small, aged 26, bright enough to go through grammar school and earn two degrees, and Marshall, aged 28, who did six years in the RAF before becoming a radio reporter, began proving their case the moment they started seeking a room.

We follow them — always first the black Geoff, then 15 minutes later the white Tim — to meet landladies. "A room? *Sorry, love, nothing at the moment,*" two of the first three tell Small. Both have a bed for Marshall. In this first programme, of 15 bed-and-breakfast establishments, one *third treat the white more* favourably (in terms of price if not availability) than the black.

Afterwards the two men discuss this first finding. Small: "I don't understand it, but then I don't see why I don't understand it. Yes, I am hurt. A bit shocked. Yet if you are black, this is part of your life". What appears to reach him is that those who have often been the most friendly are the most deceitful.

Next they try for flats, telephoning in answer to newspaper adverts. Of 16 landlords who respond with, "Yes, it's still free, call round", three react to the first sight of Small's colour with a glib, "Sorry, it's gone". Others say they have more to interview, they'll let him know.

An awful thing is the way they then involve Tim Marshall in what he calls their "whites-only club". "Had a coloured chap before you," one tells him. "Not suitable at all. What I want is a decent, honest sort of chap." Small has heard this stolen fragment of interview a score of times; yet in the preview theatre, his face still tightens. Another rejecting landlord, uneasy perhaps, gives his justification: "Nothing against them . . . seemed a nice chap . . . but a big chap, bit of a handful . . . a bit arrogant . . . if there was a problem . . ."

Small and Marshall go out for entertainment. "Sorry," two bouncers tell Geoff, "couples only". Ten minutes later the unaccompanied Marshall is greeted with: "Evening sir, come in . . . two pounds please". Small seems unsurprised that at this club, and the next, a rejecting bouncer is also black. "Uh . . . the guy might need the job."

NICK ROGERS



By colour divided: Geoff Small and Tim Marshall, who hold up a mirror to the painful truth about racial attitudes in Britain

They try to join a snooker club. Small is told, with ample courtesy, that he will need to find someone to sponsor him. Marshall is led inside and instant sponsors are found, amid guffaws, at the bar. A golf club is even more superficially welcoming.

They try for jobs. First, evening work in a public house. Again, the job has gone when Small applies to a friendly barmaid, but mysteriously reappears when Marshall calls minutes later. "The landlord did say it was a rough sort of pub," Marshall says, surely well aware that it is places like this that social theory and street life have an uneasy and potentially violent interface. "Perhaps he was just trying to save you grief." "Nah," Small says. As he is to make clear later, he wants neither sympathy nor explanation from whites; just "my share of the pie".

Now they write for employment. Identical letters in that they portray applicants of equal qualification and ambition, unalike in that Small writes from the St Paul's district, perceived by many as a black ghetto, while Marshall gives a more "respectable" address. They are clearly shaken to receive precisely identical responses in terms of rejections and invitations to interview. (Pity there was no follow-up, to see if Small would have as easily cleared a second employment hurdle.)

The mirror that this series offers our society might to some degree distort. Britain has four per cent blacks in its population. So does Bristol. That does not allow the producers' claim that therefore the city must be a true measure of the country as a whole: Bristol includes St Paul's, an area that has been lit by the flames of mob violence; landladies at its fringe will take a view not necessarily shared by their counterparts elsewhere.

And in a situation which another black describes as "they see you, and a stereotypical image of drugs, crime and loud music goes through their heads", the persona of Geoff Small could be a factor. He is strongly-built, a bit given to dark glasses, little given to smiling. He exudes a street hardness. so why, the timid may ask, take the chance? His own prejudices may be unhelpful. Driving around St Paul's at night, he counts the police: "That's four pairs of police . . . a Land-Rover . . . if that's not a siege, I don't know what is".

Yet these caveats can no more dismiss the sting of the series than can the shots of mixed-race crowds enjoying mixed-race steel bands at St Paul's carnival, nor the evidence that a majority did *not* discriminate. There is enough to appal in the number of those who did.

The hope, perhaps, lies in the sub-plot of a subtly-changing relationship between the two. Marshall is made by the stern Small to "come on, off the fence" and admits having been part of teenage football crowds shouting abuse at blacks. "But I was 15 . . . you go along with it. After this I'd like to think that if someone makes a racist remark I would not let it ride . . . this has shown me a different way of leading my life."

Fine. But the crucial point is that Geoff Small cannot choose a different way to lead *his* life. He is a prisoner of casual racism that so little bothered to hide its face in Bristol that the term "exposé" is extravagant. For we are content to mock in Bristol landladies' attitudes we seldom have courage to challenge in our friends.

● *The four films of* Black and White *are transmitted on BBC1 from tonight until Thursday, followed on Friday by a live discussion from Bristol.*

TOMORROW

GETTING OUT OF A JAM: One day last December all traffic in London ground to a halt. Was it a taste of things to come? Starting tomorrow, *The Times* examines how Britain and other countries are preparing to avert the final gridlock

Exit, the rat

Has mainland Britain said farewell to the little villain of the Great Plague?

The black rat, for centuries a high scorer in villainy on the register of wildlife, might have slipped unnoticed into extinction in mainland Britain.

This is the rat that carried the flea that spread the bubonic plague, and so was responsible for the Black Death, which began in 1348, and for other outbreaks, up to the Great Plague in 1665. Now researchers reporting to the Mammal Society are seeking evidence of its continued survival.

Once the black variety was the only rat known here. Its downfall began about 200 years ago when the first of the more powerful brown — alias Norwegian — rats came ashore from ships' holds.

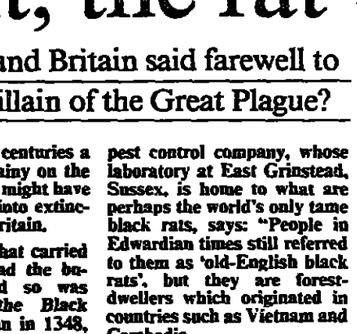
Dr Patrick Sleeman, of the research and development department at Rentokil, the pest control company, whose laboratory at East Grinstead, Sussex, is home to what are perhaps the world's only tame black rats, says: "People in Edwardian times still referred to them as 'old-English black rats', but they are forest-dwellers which originated in countries such as Vietnam and Cambodia.

"The date of their arrival in Britain is highly controversial. It might be that they were here in Roman times. Black rats are very agile climbers, living at the top of buildings, whereas the brown prefer sewers and cellars.

"Rentokil has not been called on to deal with the black in this country for very many years. It is possible that populations still exist in old ports, but I think it unlikely."

John A. Hill

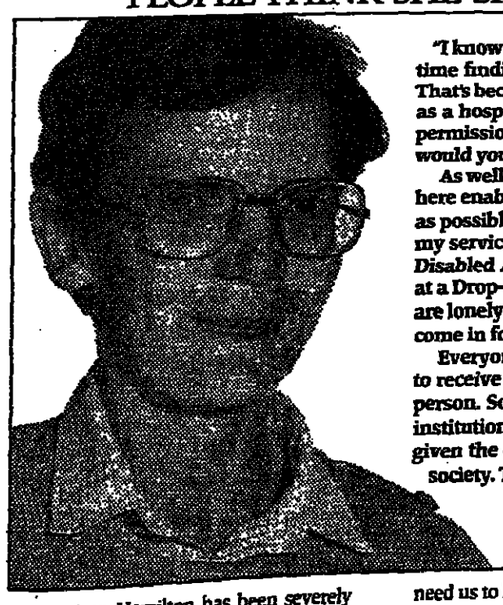
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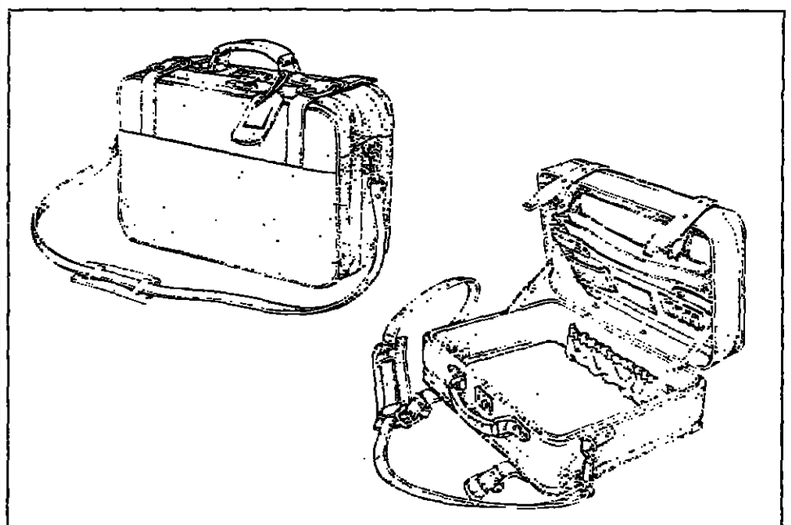
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New York

I am staying in a plush hotel on Madison Avenue at 76th Street where at least half the guests are English and work hard at ignoring their fellow countrymen; when Americans go abroad they say "Hi" to anyone who will listen and "Where you from?" to anyone who says "Hi" in response. We Brits are not like that. We sit in the bar keeping ourselves to ourselves and the barman, an *agent provocateur* for the refrigeration company, fills glasses with so many ice cubes that a single gin in a ten-ounce tumbler affords no room for tonic.

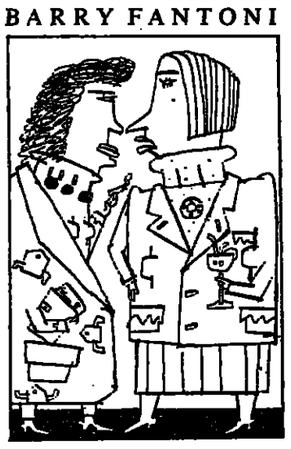
Madison – between 75th and 90th Streets – contains more compulsive food shops than I have seen outside the Orient. Displays are brilliant and prices appear to be of little consequence: a large wholemeal loaf goes for $7; smoked salmon $10 a quarter pound; ice cream $3 a scoop – with a promise to contain no more than 12 calories per ounce, which you would not believe from the size of the consumers. Any store that has things of value, like the print shop, maintains a high security system: a buzzer to get you in and a camera to watch over customers' movements as they glean that the limited edition lithograph of a Marc Chagall picture is available for $16,500.

A new ordinance has perplexed the city. Each restaurant must have a smoke-free zone and caterers are forced to deny regular customers the tables at which they have sat and smoked over the years. There is a lot of "Now see here" around when you dine out.

My son is getting married in New York in September and I am here looking for somewhere to host the cocktail party for out-of-town wedding guests on the evening before the ceremony; this, in the USA, appears to be the responsibility of the father of the groom. With my luck *all* the guests will be from out of town; why they cannot go out and quietly get smashed without depending on my hospitality is beyond comprehension. I have purchased a book called *Places – a Directory of Locations for Private Events* and am currently torn between a riverboat, the World of Birds house at the Bronx Zoo and the Museum of Holography which is futuristic and has lasers that beam 3D images upon the walls. There is also the waiting room at Grand Central Station ("capacity of several thousand") though that could cause gate-crasher problems.

A terrific thump outside my door at 6.30am. A mugging on the 11th floor of the sedate, well-policed Carlyle? No: it is the arrival of the *New York Sunday Times* (slogan: All the news that's fit to print). Weight 3½lb. Content: 15 heavy sections in black and white, three magazines and 13 glossy advertising supplements. At $1.25 it works out at 2 cents an ounce, which is $2.48 cents less than smoked salmon; the first real bargain . . . but then I am staying on Madison Avenue.

BARRY FANTONI



'I wonder if Gerald will do as badly in the Marathon as his horse did in the National'

Before leaving London I thought it would be appropriate to have my car cleaned so that it would shine at my neighbour's during my absence and deter criminals who might otherwise think it had been abandoned.

In view of its condition I plumped for a one-hour mini-valet service, interior and exterior, wash-the-mats and hoover-the-carpets, £15. I arrived early for my appointment at the carwash near Waterloo in order to carry out some preliminary work – like sorting the old copies of *Sporting Life* from the parking tickets. The carwash man told me not to bother; he would throw away what looked useless and put into carrier bags that which was not – all part of the service. I thanked him.

What to do for an hour at Waterloo? I spent 20 minutes drinking an apple juice, browsed for ten minutes in a shop where the store detective watched me with professional interest, then went to William Hill's premises and relieved them of £88 thanks to a 9-2 winner. An hour later I was back at the carwash; my chariot shone brilliantly, carpets and mats glowed, papers were neatly bundled in carrier bags and Mr Carwash himself (possibly Lord Carwash) gave me an envelope: "This is the money that was in the car"; it contained £100, and the next day I noticed that he had washed and polished my mud-caked wellies which were in the boot.

There's a lot to be said for not having a car cleaned too frequently.

Two months ago I mentioned the Soho Laundry and the appeal for funds which would enable the Shared Experience theatrical company to continue putting on shows and running the rehearsal rooms which are such a brilliant location for central London festivities. Here is the good news: the £95,000 target has been achieved via contributions ranging from a fiver by a woman against a promise that her name be taken off the mailing list, via £400 from the Metropolitan Police Lost Property Fund to the final generous donation by local benefactor J. Rothschild Holdings plc.

To celebrate their success, there will be a thank-you party in the old laundry buildings at which, says the invitation, more good news will be announced: possibly that there will not have to be another appeal to pay for our food and drink.

David Walker on the issues in next month's local elections

No place for apathy now

Defenders of local government as a healthy, vibrant institution are going to have a lot of explaining to do in the early hours of May 6. As results flow in from the council elections in the English and Scottish districts, they will have to justify not only the low turnout (40 per cent, at best) but the ease with which the political parties will have substituted for pavements, leisure centres and issues of local pride the big issues of national politics: the NHS (Labour), macroeconomic policy (Conservatives).

Of course there will be local issues. The Labour Party in Scotland is whipping up a degree of resentment over the introduction of the poll tax, for which the register is already being compiled; it may show through in the voting. An undercurrent of race politics in towns such as Wolverhampton, Bradford and Dewsbury is always there. Green Belt preservation (keeping out newcomers) is a perennial refrain of most manifestos in the shire districts around London. Conservative councillors in Salford (five at the last count) will make play with the Government's support for local inner-city regeneration.

But taken together, these elections promise, even more than their predecessors, to be uneventful expressions of the sheer volume of local apathy, at least in England. In a decade of populist politics, local government has missed the bus. As Michael Heseltine gave way to Tom King, and Patrick Jenkin to Nicholas Ridley as Environment Secretaries, the cry became ever louder that the rights of local democracy were being taken away; and so they were. But where was the popular reaction?

Of those four ministers the much maligned Patrick Jenkin was the only one to engage in constitutional debate with the localists. Parliament, he said, is sovereign, and besides MPs are elected by 70 per cent of the population.

To his constitutional theory and his arithmetic, the localists have had no answer. The interest in voting in a month's time will confirm his point, and not just the turnout. The psephological fact is that, generally, local electoral preference is on all fours with that for the national political parties. Councillor Smith may have done wonders representing Market Ward; he may well have been an excellent chairman of planning; but on May 5 it will be his party affiliation alone that determines his re-election.

Five years ago Mrs Thatcher undoubtedly sat up until the early hours after the district council elections and used the favourable results as a guide to when she should go to the country. This time she will retire early. Even if there were evidence of discontent with the Conservatives, and the polls are not picking up any great signs of that despite specific unhappiness with the Budget, she can afford at this stage in the electoral cycle to ignore it.

Yet for all the temptation to yawn, as a further milestone in the decline of local representative self-government is passed, these elections matter for what they say about the Government's great municipal reforms. They are the penultimate set of local elections in England (the last in Scotland) before, on April 1, 1990, the brave new world of poll tax dawns. For the Tories, therefore, the elections might be merely an episode in local government's decadence. In official terms, they lack the "competitive dynamic" that the new tax (in Mr Ridley's words) will inject into local voting.

"If the group in control of a council fails to deliver," he said the other week, "the customers will have the clearest of indicators. They may vote them out. But if they give good value for money, they also will have the clearest of indicators. They may vote them in again. That is what accountability means."

This is the coiled spring analogy. Pent, waiting to leap into polling booths up and down the country, are citizens who will assess their councillors as if they were managing the local Tesco. Good service at reasonable price gets a cross; unswept roads, high poll tax gets a blank. Meanwhile, in the wings, stand business types willing to put in the hours necessary to run the local authority like that Tesco branch.

But surely, in the electioneering that will take place in the cities (outside London) and the county districts during the next few weeks, there ought to be some evidence of voters' willingness to subject their councillors to this trial by economics. These are voters, after all, who (in the Conservative view) have cried out to be saved from the iniquities of the rates. If the pain of the rates is insufficient to get them to the polls in great numbers next month, why should the pain of poll tax propel them so much more persuasively in two years' time?

Councils, especially district councils, in the 1990s will (if the Government's current plans come to fruition) be doing considerably less than they do now. They will be disposing of their housing. Their schools will be opting out. Their leisure centres will be run by Breat Walker and their streets swept by Exclusive Cleaners. Instead of raising a third of their spending from local taxation they will depend on local voters for only a quarter – the rest coming through the hands of civil servants in Whitehall. And yet, in Mr Ridley's projection, their voters will be flocking to the polls.

More likely, just as there are plans to reduce the number of councillors in each council (on the grounds they will have less work to do), so the number of elections will be reduced on grounds of economy. Already in the more progressive (i.e. Thatcherite) districts, the finance officials have budgets for the "cost of democracy". Voting on May 5 may be an experience to savour on the grounds that it might not be available too far into the 1990s.

Bernard Levin

When the innocent are stung

For some time now I have been discussing, more and more frequently and with a similarly increasing urgency, the theme of personal responsibility. The Nanny State holds out the promise of always being on hand to pick us up and kiss us better when we have fallen and scraped our knees, and Nanny keeps the promise, too; but the price she demands is our liberty – our liberty, that is, to decide for ourselves where our interest lies, and, in so deciding, to take the risk of discovering that we are mistaken, and that what we thought would bring us benefit has brought us loss.

No truly free nation will accept Nanny's terms; unfortunately, Nanny is all too frequently armed with the law, and thus empowered to compel us to accept her wicked bargain; what is more, there are people working assiduously to give her still more and greater powers to do us good by force.

Among the evils that flow from this state of affairs, perhaps the very worst is the growing belief that we must be protected from all harm, including – no, especially – the harm we bring upon ourselves and the harm that comes to us by nobody's fault. (I bet there is a subdivision of Nanny's Army framing legislation at this moment which would abolish the entire concept of "Act of God" – that is, the untoward happening that could neither have been foreseen nor prevented.)

From this attitude there grows another; it is that we should be compensated, not just if we are knocked down by a careless driver, but for anything at all from which we suffer, from getting into debt to being unable to give up smoking. This attitude has spread much more widely in the United States than here, encouraged as it is by greedy lawyers, feeble judges and idiot juries. I have told the story of the robber who climbed on to the roof of a house with the admitted intention of breaking into it via the skylight and burgling the premises; as he was doing so he fell through the skylight and was injured, and sued the householder. He was awarded a six-figure sum in damages.

These actions, in which, although the harm is directly and knowingly caused by the person who suffers it, compensation is demanded and given, are becoming much less rare in this country as Nanny's arm grows longer; but the other form of such cases, in which compensation is demanded where *nobody* is at fault, may in the long run prove more dangerous to our society. And if you want to know how dangerous, let me relate the most recent instance from the United States.

A Mr Febesh was sitting out of doors, on a fine day, at a country club to which he belonged. Fine days all too often mean wasps, and this day was no exception; Mr Febesh was stung by one. He proved to be one of those unfortunate people whose reaction to a sting is not annoyance but a very serious medical condition. From the account of Mr Febesh's dreadful experience – he was in a coma, and was unable to speak when he came out of it – it seems that he had suffered what is called anaphylactic shock. This is no joke, for it can kill; a few years ago it very nearly killed my brother-in-law, who was similarly stung, with a similar reaction, and was fortunate to suffer no lasting damage from the experience.



Sympathy, then, is properly due to Mr Febesh. But is $1.45 million also properly due to him, and if so, should it be paid by the club for their failure to prevent him from being stung by a wasp? For that was the outcome of the lawsuit brought against the club, the manager of which must have suffered something not very different from anaphylactic shock when the damages were awarded, for he could say, or gasp, only, "Anyone can be bitten by a wasp, any time".

Admirable sentiments, and true both in letter and spirit. But he owes Mr Febesh nearly one and a half million dollars, none the less. There is, however, another element to the story, which I must now reveal. The award made by the jury was actualy $2.9 million, but they mulcted the club of only half that sum, saying that Mr Febesh was himself half responsible for the sting.

Now anyone sober and in his right mind, that is to say not a member of a New York jury, would say that neither the club nor poor Mr Febesh was responsible for the sting; the *entire* burden of responsibility falls upon the wasp, which should be obliged to pay the whole $2.9 million, an obligation enforced if necessary by a court order empowering the plaintiff to seize the wasp's goods.

You will say that the guilty wasp could not be found (wasps tend to look alike) and that even if it could it has no money to pay and no goods to be distrained. True; but does that, I ask, mean that the responsibility should devolve upon the club, which was no more at fault than would be a grain of dust, whirled along by a breeze, if it got into someone's eye and damaged it?

It is unpleasant to be stung by a wasp, and thousands of times more unpleasant to suffer such injury from the sting as Mr Febesh did. But for once that old maxim, almost always misunderstood, is exactly suitable here: hard cases make bad law.

If I negligently drop a brick out of my window, and it knocks you senseless, you would be entitled to demand compensation from me, even if you didn't have much sense to start with. But that is because it is reasonable to assume that my bricks and my windows are, or should be, under my control. And if poor Mr Febesh had been bitten by a tiger which his club was in the habit of allowing to roam the grounds unsupervised, he would certainly have been in the right in any ensuing litigation, because the club would have had a duty to keep its dangerous beasts from harming anyone.

But how in the name of St Francis of Assisi and/or Mr John Aspinall can anybody be expected to ensure that on a sunny afternoon no wasp may enter the outside premises of a country club, or, if any wasp is permitted ingress to the demesnes, it should either be obliged to sign an undertaking that it will not molest any member, or, failing such assurance, should be accompanied at all times, when on the premises, by a member of the Committee or any other official of the club designated in due form by the Secretary?

Mr Febesh was doubly unlucky; unlucky to suffer from a rare but dangerous condition undiscoverable except by the hard way, and unlucky to meet the agent, and its action, that led to the discovery. But suppose that instead of being stung by a wasp he had had a heart attack, and that it could be proved that no member of the club had provoked it by tiptoeing up behind him and shouting "Boo!" without warning; would he then have been entitled to 1,450 grand of the club's money?

I do not think so. But a New York jury might say otherwise, and what New York juries say today, some of our judges are quite capable of ruling tomorrow. Already advocates of the principle of "no-fault" insurance are talking about extending it beyond its present confines within the field of industrial injuries. But they forget that sometimes, somebody *is* at fault when he hurts only himself.

The world is full of dangers, some avoidable by due care and attention, some not. It has never occurred to me to take out insurance against the possibility of being stung by a wasp, but I dare say that such policies exist, and perhaps I had better get myself one. While I am about it, I may as well be covered for the danger of swallowing my mouth-organ, of sneezing so violently that my spectacles fall off and break, of burning my tongue by taking too much mustard with my steak, and of making a hole in my head by scratching it.

I would also like cover against damfool judgements in the law courts, but no insurance company would be willing to write such a policy, at any rate for a premium less than a million and a half dollars. Or, say, $1.45 million.

Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Muck and muddle

Returning from Israel in 1986, comparing the litter-strewn route from Heathrow with the cleanliness en route from Ben Gurion airport to Tel Aviv, Mrs Thatcher turned the prime ministerial laser on to the subject of rubbish.

Clean Up Britain instructions were issued to the Environment Secretary and the No 10 policy unit was told to give the subject some thought. But a government which has been remarkably successful in tackling some of Britain's major problems has made a mess of removing the litter from our streets. There has been no follow-through.

Short of any other initiative, ministers announced with a flourish in July 1986 the appointment of Richard Branson as chairman of UK2000, a scheme that was to change the face of Britain with environmental projects providing employment for young people.

With government encouragement, the unfortunate Mr Branson was immediately labelled Mr Rubbish by the popular end of Fleet Street and has been struggling to throw off the tag ever since. Removing litter from Britain's streets was never a major focus for UK2000, nor was it intended to be.

The Tidy Britain group struggles on valiantly against the rising tide of Coke cans, hamburger wrappers and cigarette packets. But without a major new government impetus it can never hope to achieve the revolution in national habits which is required. And it *is* a problem of nationality. McDonalds, for example, find that in many other countries there is no question of the people scattering their take-away cartons.

We have had the ludicrous spectacle of the Prime Minister in St James's Park stooping in an elegant suit to stuff into a plastic sack held by her Environment Secretary rubbish which had been carefully scattered especially for the purpose. But beyond such gimmickry there has been nothing, only a deterioration as local authority cutbacks have seen cleansing services suffer.

Nor is there an effective deterrent policy. The implementation of existing litter laws remains a farce. With no lead from the Government, police are reluctant to prosecute and courts to punish for litter offences. In Singapore, with 2.5 million citizens, there are 20,000 prosecutions a year. In Britain, with nearly 60 million, there are around 1,500. Though the courts can impose fines of up to £400 for dropping litter, the average is about £15.

It has been left to Westminster Council to push through the Commons a Bill providing for the appointment of litter wardens with the power to tell people to pick up their rubbish or face a fine. Christopher Chope, a junior Environment minister, has said the Government might use the Westminster scheme as a model for national legislation. But there is little sign of action.

Mrs Thatcher told the Commons recently, as if it had just occurred to her, that if an appeal to the pride of the British people did not prove enough "then we shall have to consider putting duties on people to keep their shopfronts and housefronts tidy". But this government has had nearly nine years to appeal to national pride while the packaging industry has soared to new heights of superfluity.

Richard Branson wrote to the Prime Minister in March last year suggesting a "sweep your own frontage" law, and received the reply that it might be difficult on a windy day to know whose litter it was.

Tackling litter, of course, is scarcely on the scale of beating inflation or unemployment. But it is a test case for a government which is seeking to teach the nation that "they" – the council, the Government, the "authorities" – are not responsible for sorting out every problem.

Poll evidence suggests that people have digested the lesson that curing unemployment, for example, is not down to the Government alone. But in encouraging people to stand on their own two feet the Government seems to have left out of the equation the inculcation of any sense of responsibility for others. Whether it was collectivism or Thatcherism which brought it about is hard to tell, but what is missing is any sense of obligation to the community: the removal of a broken bottle from the road outside as well as from your own drive; taking someone else's cigarette packet away from a picnic site as well as your own sandwich wrappers.

It sounds small beer. But this government is legislating to give people more responsibility all round: take your school out of local authority control and run it yourselves; take your estate out of council hands and become responsible for its upkeep. If the nation cannot be encouraged, shamed, or coerced into picking up its own litter, how are those wider responsibilities ever to be assumed?

SCIENCE REPORT

Lakes alive

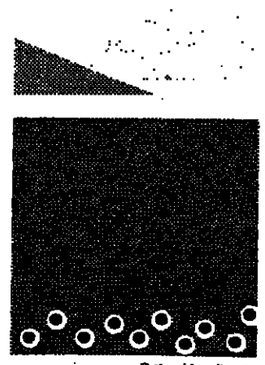
Lakes thought irreparably damaged by acid rain are showing encouraging signs of life, confounding those scientists who had forecast that, once acidified, they would remain so and perhaps deteriorate further.

R.W. Battarbee and colleagues at University College London, the University of Liverpool and the freshwater fisheries laboratory at Pitlochry in Perthshire have found a surprisingly rapid fall of acidity with the 40 per cent decrease of industrial sulphur dioxide emission since the peak year of 1970.

The researchers, whose findings are reported in this week's *Nature*, concentrated on the chemistry and biology of two highly acid lochs in Galloway; Loch Enoch and the Round Loch of Glenhead, comparing data gathered in 1978-79 and 1984-86.

The water in Loch Enoch in particular became significantly less acid, almost entirely because of reduced inputs of sulphate. All other trace chemicals either increased or remained the same. Concentrations of nitrate, at least in part derived from acid rain, actually increased.

Biological changes in the lochs parallel the chemical changes, but are harder to interpret. Among the indices used by researchers are the silica skeletons of microscopic plants called diatoms, found in the sediments of the two lochs, which can be used to tell which species have lived in lakes in past years.



Richard Leadbetter

Since different species of diatom prefer different conditions, and because acidity is an important factor, species composition can also be a guide to prevailing acidity conditions at previous times. Diatom changes have been used to estimate lake acidity before, but with results usually less clear-cut than those based on direct chemical measurement of lake water.

Battarbee and his colleagues have nevertheless been able to show a gradual change in the diatom populations in favour of species less tolerant of acidity than those present in the lakes during the acidity maximum ten or so years ago. The Round Loch diatom flora now resembles that of the lake in the 1950s rather than the 1970s.

Although the changes so far recorded are quite small, much of their interest lies in the speed with which the lakes have responded to decreases of sulphur emission, within about ten years of the emission peak.

The authors of the research also remark that there seems to have been no tendency for the acidity of the two lakes to continue increasing after the peak of sulphur deposition had been passed, contrary to the suggestion of some mathematical modelling.

The researchers' findings will be welcomed in North America, where acidification of lakes has been particularly severe. Researchers from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, writing in *Nature* last September, reported the continuing acidification of particular lakes despite a reduction in acid deposition.

The explanation may be that the response of lakes both to increases and decreases of acid deposition is known to be strongly influenced by their mineral content.

The research will also encourage those in the electrical power industry working on inherently clean ways of burning coal, which can remove sulphur at source rather than having it expensively scrubbed from exhaust gases.

A £28 million experimental power plant project jointly supported by British Coal and the Central Electricity Generating Board at Grimethorpe near Barnsley is a testbed for a new coal burning technique called pressurised fluidised bed combustor (PFBC).

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POLITICS OF HUNGER

In past weeks, rebels in the northern Ethiopian provinces of Tigré and Eritrea have scored a notable series of military successes against the Ethiopian army. These victories have no doubt wonderfully improved the morale of the rebels, who have been conducting a civil war for the past 26 years in the hope of gaining independent statehood.

But for the three million starving peasants who inhabit these northern regions, the advance of the rebels into government territory could well prove a disaster. The roads to these areas have been closed by the government and trucks bringing emergency food aid cannot get through. The airports have been closed, and foreign aid workers ordered out of the two provinces, both actions presaging a round of military reprisals by the Ethiopian government which intensify the difficulties of getting supplies to the starving. If food does not arrive within the next few weeks they will begin to die.

The present crisis is particularly unfortunate because, until now, this year's Ethiopian famine relief had been remarkably well organized. Last September, when it became clear that a fresh round of famine was on the way, the Ethiopian government issued an appeal for help. A further appeal was made in November. By the beginning of this year, nearly all the food estimated to be needed to avert starvation had been pledged to the Ethiopian government by various donors. Aid agencies in Ethiopia, co-ordinated by a United Nations representative in Addis Ababa, had succeeded in distributing food fairly successfully at least to the extent of keeping death at bay for the millions who now have no other source of food.

If the aid effort is not to flounder, both sides in the war must allow food convoys to pass through Eritrea and Tigré without hindrance. But this requires a degree of trust, and a commitment to humanitarian considerations, which neither side has in the past been willing to display. The Marxist Ethiopian government, although it has acted reasonably well during the present famine, has been quite willing on previous occasions to use hunger as a political tool and clearly intends to do so now.

The record of the rebels, respectively the Eritrean People's Liberation Front and the Tigré People's Liberation Front — both hardline Marxist — is not much better. Since last October, they have destroyed about 100 lorries carrying aid on the grounds that they might be conveying assistance to government troops.

Beyond entreaties, there is little that Western donors can do to influence the situation. On a practical level the British Government might, *sotto voce*, consider giving assistance to the aid agencies' cross border operation directly from Sudan into Eritrea, for distribution by the rebels. But if pressure is to be brought on the Ethiopian government it will have to come from the Russians who support President Mengistu with military aid. This may not be as unlikely as may once have been the case; for the first time Russia has joined Western donors in giving a large consignment of corn to the relief effort.

In the longer term, the Russians may also have a part to play in bringing this long civil war to an end. Whatever their military success, it is unlikely that the EPLF and the TPLF will achieve agreement to secede from any regime in Abbas Ababa. It would be more realistic for the rebels, some of whose Marxist leaders claim to be adopting a more realistic political approach, to accept a settlement as outlined by the United Nations in 1950. This provided for the territorial integrity of Ethiopia, but with autonomy for Eritrea and Tigré within the state.

Ethiopia's new constitution, brought into being last year, would in theory allow for autonomy in the regions. Whether the rebels could be persuaded to talk to President Mengistu and whether he, in turn, might be persuaded to make concessions to the rebels, is no doubt one of the foreign policy options under consideration in Moscow.

But this is a longer term problem; for the moment, the concern of all humanitarian governments must be that the famine relief programme continues, whatever the political preoccupations of the forces fighting it out in Tigré and Eritrea.

DANGERS IN GENE RESEARCH

The report of the reckless and illegal release of a genetically engineered virus in Argentina raises the spectre of a biological version of Chernobyl, in which scientists become simultaneously too complacent and too adventurous for their own good, thereby threatening the safety of the planet. Viruses which occur naturally can be dangerous too, but have been around long enough in most cases for nature to prepare its defences. Man-made viruses, against which defences may not exist, need to be handled with the utmost circumspection.

Genetic engineering is one of the most exciting areas of scientific research at present and also one of the most problematical. It involves the manipulation of the basic building blocks of life to change the properties of living organisms to suit the interests of one species, our own. It is not wrong in principle for that reason, for all species, including the human, already exert complex influences over each other simply by sharing the same living space.

What is new about genetic engineering is that it makes that influence for change much more deliberate, much more drastic and rapid, and therefore potentially much more destructive if it goes wrong. Nuclear physics is not the only area of modern scientific progress which could threaten the survival of life itself. At the same time, however, the potential benefits of genetic engineering are enormous and its scope quite astounding. The genetic make-up of the human species itself is becoming susceptible to alteration, and some of the dire predictions of Huxley's *Brave New World* can no longer be dismissed as pure science fiction. On the other hand the treatment and even prevention of many crippling or fatal diseases which have hitherto outwitted medical research may at last become possible by the techniques of genetic manipulation.

Scientists in this field have been meeting in Cardiff to discuss some of these issues at the first international conference on the release of genetically engineered micro-organisms. They displayed a high level of ethical responsibility and a realistic appreciation of public anxiety, which suggests that the scientists about whom there should be most concern are those who do not attend such conferences. But if public opinion swung strongly against all forms of genetic engineering as a result of the irresponsible behaviour of a minority of researchers, the majority would suffer too.

As a result there is a growing feeling among the scientists involved that universally agreed and legally imposed controls are going to be necessary. At present some countries have moved further in that direction than others, and some have hardly moved at all.

In Britain, agricultural experiments are supervised by the Health and Safety Commission's genetic advisory committee, and research in the medical sphere by a voluntary licensing authority set up by the Medical Research Council and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. But it is time to go further by giving these supervisory mechanisms the statutory authority they lack, at least by insisting that all experimental work in this field must be reported so that it can be monitored, for binding conditions to be imposed if necessary.

Though efforts to reach agreement so far have not been promising, there is a good case for as much international standardization as possible, so that similar restrictions apply in different countries. Not only would this ensure that all research work in this very competitive area was under an equal measure of inconvenience wherever it was conducted, but it would recognize that contamination and disease know no frontiers. Biochemical disasters, like nuclear ones, can affect the entire planet.

Cleaning flue gas

From Lieutenant-Colonel Gerald Haythornthwaite

Sir, There are two presently proposed methods of flue gas desulphurisation of coal-fired power stations in England, which is urgently needed to protect Scandinavia from the effects of sulphur emission. They are the limestone/gypsum process and the Wellman Lord process. The former uses 310,000 tons of limestone per year for each power station and the latter only 30,000 tons. The former produces gypsum as a by-product, the latter sulphuric acid.

It is intended that the first power stations to be desulphurised will be at Drax, in Yorkshire, using the limestone/gypsum process. The CEGB have said that they would not accept limestone from national parks but would expect to use carboniferous limestone from Derbyshire.

It is now said that some of the limestone will come from quarries at Tunstead and Doveholes in Derbyshire. These quarries immediately adjoin the Peak District National Park. Tunstead quarry, although mostly just on the fringe of the national park, was allowed to extend in 1978 over Old Moor, in the national park, in spite of strenuous objections by the Peak Park Planning Board.

Now is the time to seek compliance with all the requirements of the EEC Environmental Impact Assessment, which becomes mandatory in July, to show the true effects of using the limestone/gypsum process, as against the Wellman Lord process.

That the limestone/gypsum process might be cheaper to operate would be no excuse for the introduction of this Trojan horse into the Peak District National Park.

A proposed retro-fit of Fiddlers Ferry power station using the less destructive Wellman Lord process would be immediately possible as there is a market there for its by-product of sulphuric acid.

Yours faithfully,
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West Riding days

From Mr Roger Lines

Sir, Mr S. L. Whiteley (March 30) must be viewing his youth in the Pennines with somewhat rose-tinted spectacles. The great clouds of coal smoke which polluted this area were already damaging the few woodlands that survived into the first quarter of this century and making it difficult to establish new ones.

Professor W. R. Fisher (one of the most eminent foresters of the day) recognised this in his 1908 "Report on Planting Trees in Watersheds of the Bury and District Joint Board". Even with his skills in choice of species and ground preparation methods, the results of planting at that time were very disappointing.

In the 1930s the Forestry Commission's attempts to establish renewed effort using modern techniques in the 1950s only resulted in very poor growth. Measurements of sulphur dioxide in these rural plots showed levels as high as those in the suburbs of Halifax or Bolton. Pollution was indicated as a major cause of poor growth, as when pollution fell in the mid-1960s there was a dramatic improvement in the growth.

Acid rain was measured at 11 sites near Leeds as early as 1910 by Ruston and Crowther, but the many sources of polluted air so vividly described by Mr Whiteley were mainly relatively low-level discharges, which were deposited in Britain rather than in Scandinavia.

It was the great success by the CEGB in dispersing our pollution into the higher levels of the atmosphere that transformed the "murky" Pennines and made distant views possible for the first time for generations, even if it had unforeseen results in Scandinavia.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER LINES,
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High Ham,
Langport, Somerset.

Right number

From Mr Patrick Egan

Sir, In today's La Crème de la Crème page (April 6) I notice the post for a "Numerate Graduate" being advertised.

Should Mr Kenneth Baker extend the national curriculum to the universities?

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK EGAN,
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April 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Implications of lost satellite deal

From the Chairman of General Technology Systems Ltd

Sir, There are grave implications arising from the appalling muddle of the Government's approach to determining and implementing a reasonable space programme for this country. Our position lurched further backwards today (April 8) with the report in *The Times* that our opportunity to participate with the Canadians on their important Radarsat Earth observation satellite had finally been withdrawn by Canada, by default of the UK giving a reply by a yet further extended deadline as to whether we want to participate.

I have a long-term involvement in the space field, and reflect the deep concern of many colleagues on the crass short-sightedness of our very limited British involvement in appropriate space projects. These are of great importance in their own right, and some, such as communications satellites and launchers, already provide massive commercial reward. Others still require public funding to provide a framework of opportunity so we may reap benefits in 10-20 years' time.

Projects such as Radarsat and the polar platform of the Columbus space station are the next ones to provide major commercial opportunities by their provision of remotely sensed data, vital to so many of the world's communities.

I was appointed by HM Government as co-ordinator of the National Remote Sensing Programme for several years prior to the formation of the British National Space Centre, and can confirm the impressive quality and extent of the engineering and scientific talent we have in this field — if only we are allowed to deploy this in a co-ordinated manner by the administration.

I feel particularly incensed by this loss of Radarsat, since I brought the UK into this project in 1981. Our Canadian company having received a contract to define the project, I suggested to HMG that we should take part in this — which was warmly received — and we helped to bring this about. Another initiative lost.

We cannot afford to keep walking away from projects which are of importance to our economy, in a way which has already caused tremendous resentment within our European collaborators in space and other areas — and now visibly extended to our Canadian friends. It appears too late for much reconsideration by HMG on this project but we must resurrect, in some way, our involvement in the business, engineering and science of space.

Yours faithfully,
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April 8.

Lessons from Hobbes

From Mr Robert Jackson, MP for Wantage (Conservative)

Sir, It is a pity that, in attempting to do justice to Hobbes (first leader, April 5) you should be led to do an injustice to Clarendon, whose grounds for condemning Hobbes were certainly not that he offered an "insufficiently glamorous defence" of monarchy.

Clarendon sought to restore the historic institutions of the English Church and State. This was threatened on one side by sectarian fanaticism and ambition, and on the other by royalist aspirations to absolutism.

Reflecting on his project, which settled the British State on foundations which endure to this day, Clarendon was led to formulate some of the central insights of Conservatism. In particular he came to see how what was historical was also natural and, indeed, moral.

Against this background, Clarendon's criticism of Hobbes was both practical and philosophical. As a statesman he condemned Hobbes for offering a theoretical justification of absolutism: why else was the man who compromised with Cromwell tolerated by the restored court? As a philosopher he criticised the artificiality of Hobbes's rationalist utilitarianism, which, he argued, was true neither to nature nor to history, and was, therefore, immoral.

Your leading article was right to remark on the continuing relevance of these seventeenth-century debates. "Hobbism" is a dominant strain in the modern world, if neither in the precise form laid down by Hobbes, nor yet in your eccentric account of his philosophy as a defence of individual rights.

"Clarendonism" also, however, has its place — which should not be overlooked in the tercentenary of the events of 1688, to which it made its contribution. It expresses, after all, what continues to be the underlying public philosophy of this kingdom — and, indeed, of thoughtful statesmen in every land and time.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT JACKSON,
House of Commons.
April 6.

Schools of hope

From Dr Joseph Rhymer

Sir, The argument for integrated schooling can be taken even further than your leader ("Schools of hope", April 1) suggests, for there seems to be little justification for separate Catholic schools, even on religious grounds.

Some five years ago, under the auspices of Edinburgh University, I did a study of Catholic pupils in Catholic schools compared with Catholic pupils in non-Catholic schools. The object was to find if Catholic schools make any difference to the religious attitudes of their Catholic pupils. In fact, no signficant difference could be found. There was no evidence to show that Catholics in Catholic schools are "better" Catholics than Catholics in non-Catholic schools.

It was a large-scale operation, which investigated over 2,000 pupils in various situations and age groups. All the relevant people in authority gave their permission — the pupils' parents, the relevant education officers, head teachers and teachers, and the bishops and parish priests. Every care was taken to ensure that the pupils' participation was voluntary, and that their answers were confidential and anonymous. The schools were carefully selected to make the results as representative as possible. In short the results were as reliable as any research into private religious feelings can be.

The findings were made the subject of a consultation day by Edinburgh University, with papers by a senior member of the Scottish Education Department, the university's lecturer in religious education, a specialist in this type of research and myself. The papers were published by the university's Department of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology.

I can see no grounds at all for maintaining a separate, State-funded Catholic education sector if it entails avoidable financial cost to State or Church, contributes to social tensions and makes no religious difference to its pupils. Catholics can make their contribution to the nation's education just as easily in an integrated system, and the Church can direct its money and energies to other areas of urgent need.

Yours faithfully,
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April 1.

Slightly confused

From Professor Emeritus J. H. Fremlin

Sir, In a list of experimental measurements to be made by students of physics in a technical college I found one heading "Radius of caricature of a lens". I felt that it would be a pity to change this, but expressed the hope that the equipment for this would be kept in its original cartoons.

On a higher plane, the index of the usually reliable *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics* for 1962-63 offered a number of pages of fine print on "Units and Conversation Factors".

My wife remembers sixth formers who reported that they had measured the osculations of a pendulum.

Yours truthfully,
JOHN FREMLIN,
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Edgbaston,
Birmingham, West Midlands.

US power regulators

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, In your lead story of March 28 (early editions) the energy minister is quoted as making it clear to a US audience that the new regulator of our privatised electricity industry "will not be allowed to interfere with plans for a fully competitive regime for power generation."

Nor should it: but to achieve true competition the regulator needs to have sufficient teeth to ensure the monopolies do not exploit their positions by making anti-competitive arrangements.

Mr Spicer's condemnation of American regulatory systems as overly bureaucratic is really too sweeping by half. In truth, there is no such thing as the single US experience on utility regulation: every state (bar Nebraska) has its own system, with a different range of powers, organisations, degrees of intervention and indeed competence.

Wisconsin, for instance, has established what is arguably the strongest of all the 49 public utility commissions. It has had oversight of the capital investment decisions of all the utilities in its jurisdiction since 1931; it also controls the level and structure of retail tariffs, and examines the capital investment planning of the utilities.

Nevertheless, Wisconsin Electric, the largest electric company in the state, enjoys the highest rating of all US utilities among Wall Street investment analysts and among bond-rating agencies. Wall Street also ranks the different commissions in terms of their likely effect upon the profitability of the gas and electric utilities.

It is no accident that the Wisconsin Public Service Commission enjoys the top ranking of Wall Street, thereby supporting the contention that strong regulation goes hand in hand with financially successful utilities.

Yours faithfully,

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9 Sherlock Mews, W1.

Need to screen social workers

From Mr John Rea Price

Sir, Your account (April 8) of the sentencing of a residential social worker from Kent for serious sexual offences against young girls indicated that new Government moves are being made to tighten the screening of social workers prior to their appointment.

Several of us responsible for these services in London only wish that we could get the existing procedures to work, let alone tighten them. The Metropolitan Police has simply not had an adequate staff complement available to undertake the work, which has meant that there is a minimum delay of eight weeks, and frequently one of 16 weeks, before a local authority receives the necessary clearance.

Residential care is already an area of work into which it is desperately difficult to recruit and these delays have resulted in hard-pressed residential homes being brought to the point of collapse. It was therefore with the greatest of reluctance that Islington Council, like others, has had to decide to allow new staff to take up their post in advance of police clearance being received, a move that surely defeats the object of the whole exercise.

Recruitment difficulties and delays have led to some London homes being dependent on agency staff for nearly their total complement. Although individual boroughs can do their best, there is no coherent or co-ordinated system for ensuring their clearance. This provides a very obvious avenue for those with suspect backgrounds to find work with children.

It is no good the Home Office coming out with circulars full of lofty intentions without providing the police, for whom they are also responsible, with the resources to do the work.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN REA PRICE (Director of Social Services, London Borough of Islington),
5 Highbury Crescent, N5.
April 5.

War memorials

From the Director General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Sir, In the recent correspondence in your columns about a possible national inventory of war memorials, Chester Herald (April 5) has underlined the importance of recording the names of those commemorated.

It is with no intention of detracting in any way from the significance of the numerous war memorials erected by local communities, educational establishments or Service units that I should like to remind your readers that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission holds a complete record of the names of all those who lost their lives while serving in the Forces in either of the two world wars, and of civilian war dead of the 1939-45 war.

Every one of the fallen servicemen and women is commemorated by name on his or her grave or, where this is unknown, on one of the commission's memorials; the names of the civilian war dead are inscribed in a memorial book in Westminster Abbey.

The place of commemoration of any individual may be obtained from the commission at the address below (telephone 0628-34221).

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR HOCKADAY,
Director General,
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
2 Marlow Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.

From Professor K. S. Inglis

Sir, The national inventory of war memorials proposed by correspondents would be a valuable aid to comparative study of responses to the 1914-18 war.

There has been some good scholarly scrutiny of memorials in France. An Australian inventory, nearly complete, shows a high proportion recording the names not only of the dead, but of all who served. I wonder if this is less common in the United Kingdom, and if so why?

Yours faithfully,
K. S. INGLIS,
University of London,
Australian Studies Centre,
Institute of Commonwealth Studies,
27-28 Russell Square, WC1.

Aid for Ulster

From Mrs Ruth Kaye

Sir, If Senator Joseph Kennedy is really concerned about the state of the Catholics in Northern Ireland (report, April 6) he should encourage his fellow countrymen to set up factories and businesses in Ulster instead of channelling thousands of dollars to the IRA through Noraid. This would be a practical measure which, by reducing unemployment, would relieve much of the suffering of the Catholic minority, and perhaps even lead to peace.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH KAYE,
19 Clabon Mews, SW1.

RU A1 OK

From Mr J. H. N. Finer

Sir, I find it odd that in your leader on car number plates ("RU A1 OK", April 1) you make no reference to the practice in the USA. There, anyone may have a name of up to six letters instead of a serial number.

My niece, when in Delaware, had her car plated with NEWT and, finding this taken when domiciled in Maryland, adopted MR NEWT.

This is far more entertaining for the driver and the motoring public than the straining for effect of the British way. And, I suspect by increasing the variety, more profitable for the licensing authority.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. N. FINER,
5B Highgate Avenue,
Walsall, West Midlands.
April 1.

From Commander T. P. J. van Veeren

Sir, Since there are so many foreigners living in the United Kingdom should the Transport Secretary not be more careful before issuing obscenities in foreign languages? I have seen some "three-letter" words on the road which in Dutch are notorious.

Yours sincerely,
T. P. J. van VEEREN,
38 Hyde Park Gate, SW7.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 11 1814

With Wellington established on the Garonne, royalist flags hoisted in Lyons and Bordeaux and his marshals deserting him, Napoleon was compelled to abdicate in favour of the Bourbons in the person of Louis XVIII. The Emperor was in exile for 11 months on Elba, from where he escaped in March, 1815 ("On This Day", March 11, 1986)

[NAPOLEON ABDICATES]

The most hateful of Tyrants has finished by proving himself the most infamous of cowards.

Two *Extraordinary Gazettes* were published on Saturday; the latter of which contained BUONAPARTE's renunciation of Sovereignty, in the following terms:—

"The Allied Powers having proclaimed that the Emperor NAPOLEON was the only obstacle to the re-establishment of the peace of Europe, the Emperor NAPOLEON, *faithful to his oath*, declares that he renounces for himself and his heirs, the Throne of France and Italy; and that there is no *personal sacrifice*, even that of life, which he is not ready to make to the interest of France.

"Done at the Palace of *Fontainebleau, the* — *April*, 1814." [*sic*]

Thus has the last act of this wretch's public life been marked by the same loathsome hypocrisy, which characterised him throughout his guilty career. When he has been solemnly deposed by his own confederates; when the execrations of all France and of all Europe are ringing in his ears; when his last army is deserting him, by thousands, and an overwhelming force of the Allies is approaching, to drag him to a shameful death, if he refuses the proffer'd mercy — then, forsooth, his forced submission is a voluntary sacrifice, he is actuated by a principle of public spirit, he feels a religious regard for his oath!!! We did not think to have troubled our heads what should become of him, or his worthless carcase; whether he should crawl about upon the face of that earth, which he had so long desolated; or end a miserable existence by his own desperate hand; or be helped out of the world by the guillotine, the halter, or the *coup de grace*. Certainly, if we had been to choose the finest moral lesson for after ages, we could not have preferred any to that, which should at once expose the selfishness, the baseness, and the cowardice of a vainglorious mortal, whom adulation had raised almost to divine honours. And as to any danger from his life — why Jerry Sneak was a hero to him . . . The abandonment of his throne was an act of undisguised deliberate cowardice, not altogether unanticipated by us; for it will be remembered that some months ago, in comparing the terms offered to him by the Allies, with *Fluellen's* offer of the leek to ancient *Pistol*, we said, that though he might vow "most horrible revenge", he would *eat the leek*. We had not then any reason to believe that he would be required to yield up crown and all; but now that circumstances have led to such a point, his conduct in respect to it occasions us no surprise . . . It is said . . . that BUONAPARTE, with all the members of his family who may choose to accompany him, is to be removed to the Isle of Elba, and there supported in a style correspondent to the rank of the Archduchess his Wife, on a yearly allowance, according to some accounts, of 6,000,000 francs. Looking to the demerits of the criminal, bread and water would be luxuries too good for him; but since very different considerations determine the amount of the pension, which is rather to be considered as his wife's than his own, we confess that to us it appears very immaterial whether it be 600 francs or 6,000,000. The reducing the fancied successor of CHARLEMAGNE to live on alms, as long as his loaded conscience can permit him to live, is a lesson which ages will not forget . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 9: The Princess Royal this afternoon unveiled a statue of Red Rum at Aintree Racecourse to celebrate the 150th running of the Grand National at Aintree.

Her Royal Highness subsequently presented the trophy to the winner of the 1988 Grand National.

The Princess Royal travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander Kenneth Stoddart).

April 10: The Princess Royal, President, Federation Equestre Internationale, and Captain Mark Phillips this afternoon attended the World Cup Final Jumping Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 10: The Prince Edward this evening attended the King's Head Theatre Club's Royal *Gala Performance at Saddler's* Wells Theatre to launch the Club's Appeal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and Captain William McLean were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 10: The Duke of Gloucester left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning for the United States of Amercia to undertake engagements in Washington DC and New York.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 10: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Festival, this *afternoon attended a Concert in* memory of Jaqueline Du Pré in Norwich Cathedral.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J.C. Faber and Miss S.E. Gilbert
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Julian and Lady Caroline Faber, of 3 Chester Square, London, SW1, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.J. Gilbert, of Yelverton, Devon.

Mr A.G. Ashe and Miss E. Millard
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the Rev Patrick and Mrs Ashe, of Godalming, Surrey, and Evelyn, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs *F.J.C. Millard, of Wimbledon*, London.

Mr J.D. Box and Miss G.E. Payne
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs E.C. Box, of Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.D. Payne of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr R.F. Burnett and Miss P.A. Blowey
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of the late Mr S.M. Burnett and of Mrs Burnett, of Sudbury, Suffolk, and Patricia, younger daughter of the late Colonel P.S. Blowey and of Mrs Blowey, of Cooden, Sussex.

Mr S.T. Cambridge and Miss S.P. Brash
The engagement is announced between Saul Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Cambridge, of Crowns Cottage, Manaccan, Cornwall, and Susan Peta, *daughter of Mr and Mrs N.I* Brash, of The Lawns, Carlton-In-Lindrick, Nottinghamshire.

Dr J.M. Dinwoodie and Miss H.M. Pauli
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Dinwoodie, of Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, and Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Pauli, of Oxted, Surrey.

Mr D.K.M. Fergusson and Miss J.M.J. Asbury
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs K.M.N. Fergusson, of The Old Vicarage, Mentmore, and Jessica, youngest daughter of Captain J. Asbury, RN, and Mrs Asbury, of Beechcroft, Cross Lane, Marlborough.

Mr V.P. Fletcher and Miss L.E. Payne
The engagement is announced between Vivian, son of Mr and Mrs A. Fletcher, of Wells, Somerset, and Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Paine, of Aust, Bristol.

Mr M.M.M. Grayson and Miss T. Murata
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs K.M. Grayson, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Tomoko, daughter of Mr and Mrs Y. Murata, of Ise, Japan.

Mr A.C. Gibbings and Miss J.A. Cornford
The engagement is announced between Anthony Charles, son of Major and Mrs C.H. Gibbings, of Mattingley, Hampshire, and Jane Ann, daughter of the late Mr B.L. Cornford, MBE, and of Mrs J.C. Follett, of Gerrans, Cornwall.

Mr F.D. Hicks and Miss C.A. Ohlenschlager
The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of the late Mr Lewis Hicks and of Mrs Alice Hicks, of St Agnes, Isles of Scilly, and Carol, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Richard Ohlenschlager, of Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire.

Mr C.J. Lay and Miss F.M. Cameron
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of the late Mr E.H. Lay, and Mrs M.E. Lay, of Blackheath, London, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Cameron, of Shooters Hill, London.

Mr T.H. Martin and Miss P.N. Kington
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Hadlow Martin, of Prestbury, Cheshire and Penelope, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Barry Newbold-Kington, of Dore, Sheffield.

Mr D.R. Milner and Miss N.K. Jones
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Wilfred Milner, of Killerby, North Yorkshire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Jones, of Putney, London.

Mr G.S. Powell and Miss A.P.J. Fraser
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Powell, of Reigate, Surrey, and Andrea, daughter of the late Mr William John Fraser and Mrs Patricia Morris, of Wellow, Isle of Wight.

Mr A.J. Silver and Miss S. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced between Anthony James Silver and Sallyann Wilkinson, both of Hampstead, London.

Mr J.R. Turnbull and Miss C.G. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Turnbull, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Christine, youngest daughter of the late Mr H. Jackson and of Mrs G.K.H. Jackson, of Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire.

Birthdays today

Miss Janet Allen, former headmistress, Benenden School, 52; Mr J. Burnett-Stuart, chairman, Robert Fleming Holdings, 58; Sir Raymond Carr, warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 69; Mr Gervase de Peyer, clarinettist, 62; Mr Clive Exton, scriptwriter and playwright, 58; Mr Ronald Fraser, actor, 58; Mr Laurence Irving, actor and author, 91; Mr Richard Wainwright, former MP, 70.

Framlingham College

Mr Laurie Rimmer is retiring from the Headmastership of Framlingham College in July, 1989, after 18 years in the post.

Memorial service

Mrs M. Dent-Brocklehurst
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Mary Dent-Brocklehurst was held on Saturday at St Peter's, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire. Canon R.W. Miles officiated and read the lesson and the Archdeacon of Cheltenham gave an address. Gloucestershire County Council was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel W.A. McLelland.

Latest wills

Dowager Duchess of Beaufort, of Badminton, Avon, widow of the 10th Duke, left estate valued at £45,136 net.

Clifford Longley

More than a creed of greed?

For all its appearance of confidence, there is evidence that the Government is uneasy about its own underlying philosophy. Thatcherism, as popularly represented in the mass media and as commonly perceived by many of its own supporters, is a political creed without a heart, about nothing but "robbing the *poor to help the rich" as the bishops of* Durham and Southwark have put it, and the devil take the hindmost.

But whether Mrs Margaret Thatcher herself wishes to go down in history with her own surname immortalized as a synonym for a doctrine of selfish materialism must be extremely doubtful. For she is a political idealist; and indeed a Christian of stout convictions, very interested in moral questions.

There are thus two parallel perceptions of Thatcherism now current, the moral *and the immoral version. Mrs Thatcher* herself, and her immediate colleagues and advisers, believe in the first version. But deep inside the Government itself are those who are becoming concerned by Thatcherism's image as just a creed of greed.

Some of them are, like her, committed to a religious faith. They do not doubt the rightness of the "moral" version of Thatcherism, the economic, cultural and moral revolution to which this Government professes to be committed; and *they despise the immoral version.*

Unfortunately for them, it is on the latter that much of their popularity and media support depends: in popular parlance already, this is what Thatcherism stands for. So it is not surprising that sophisticated criticism from the Government of the moral hazards of a "culture of dependency", which poverty and the welfare state can induce, tend to be dismissed as hypocrisy.

And the modern Yuppie, the archetypal pro-Thatcherist of the late 1980s, is indeed not the least interested in rescuing the poor from the damaging effects of welfare state dependency. Undoubtedly that makes the Government's social reforming sincerity that *much more difficult to believe.*

This is well shown in recent public exchanges over the new social security arrangements, which start today. The Government, it is supposed, wishes to cut public expenditure so that its own kind, Conservative and the well-to-do, need pay less tax. The poor are an expensive burden, and do not vote Conservative. And the obvious conclusion is drawn.

The Government would regard this as a gross caricature; but it is the caricature which is taken for the reality by those who support it on the grounds that it serves their own selfish interests.

Thatcherism was at first regarded by the British public as the return of an old-fashioned orthodoxy of the right, strongly nationalist, mildly racist, anti-working class, and in favour more of capitalists as the upper social class than of capitalism as a theory. Only slowly and surprisingly did Thatcherism emerge as a form of political heterodoxy and iconoclasm, a radical assault on all kinds of entrenched prerogatives and attitudes, even in some ways as happy to overtake the Labour Party on the left as on the right.

Religiously, Mrs Thatcher's background was nonconformist: Politically, that is what she still is. Her almost endemic state of conflict with the established church is not really so surprising: it is in her nonconformist nature.

The Church of England, meanwhile, has been needing a more "relevant" role in society than a chaplaincy to the middle classes. It is mightily attracted towards the "option to the poor" it has *read about, which makes Christianity* sound so much more glamorously dynamic in South Africa or Latin America than in suburban England.

Unlike the church in those places, however, it has very few members among the poor, and its leaders tend to live in palaces. But the Government has presented it with a short cut and an easy target: it can speak up for the poor in public, laying about the Government for the alleged callous and selfish insensitivity of its fiscal and social welfare policy.

The church would be wiser to recognize that Mrs Thatcher's policies are a quite deliberate moral challenge to the conventional political wisdom as it existed before her arrival in Downing Street. This *conventional wisdom was one with which the Church of England* was quite happy, for it helped to create it in the first place. It is a unitary and integrated concept of the nation and the church as one entity, one family, headed by the Crown.

The nation's political expression, according to a perception which is deeply rooted in English history, is through Parliament and the Government; its *moral and spiritual expression is through* the national church. Both have chosen since the Second World War to express their social responsibility through the welfare state, which being part political and part moral was therefore in principle a joint church-Government enterprise.

The Church of England feels a proprietorial interest in the welfare state, as one of the ways in which England could justify its claim to be a Christian country. It is more than collectivism; it is the *ancien* regime model of church-state *fusion the French call intégrisme.*

It is this inheritance which Mrs Thatcher and her kind have dubbed the "nanny state". In so doing they are repudiating not just the consensus policies of the 1960s but something much more fundamental: the identity of the English nation as one unique and even mystical social, tribal, political and spiritual community.

To the established church that is a very dangerous challenge, as it threatens its own identity and *raison d'etre.* It implicitly denies the Church of England's implicit claim to be of the essence of this mystical idea of "England" by being its common faith, its very heart, soul and conscience.

Mrs Thatcher is in fact taking secularism and pluralism seriously, treating the church as one more interest group, albeit one with an anachronistic constitutional link to the state. But it is not coterminous with the nation: indeed it must be doubted whether Mrs Thatcher believes in "the nation" in any high sense at all, seeing it simply as an arena of conflicting interests (arbitrated by the autonomous mechanism of market forces.)

The Church of England would also be wise to ask itself whether it can possibly win such a fundamental ideological battle with the Government, and whether, if it cannot, it can do anything but damage to itself in the process.

For the underlying truth is that Mrs *Thatcher's pragmatic and secular view of* the country is recognizable as not far from the present condition of it, while the church's mystical vision of the nation as a single church-state entity is one from which England has been retreating for most of this century, a trend which the church has no idea how to reverse.

Service dinners

Movement Control Officers' Club
Brigadier J.K. Pitt, President of the Movement Control Officers' Club, presided at the annual ladies night dinner held on Saturday at Buller Barracks, Aldershot. Colonel Sir David Cooke, chairman, was among those present.

South Lancashire Regiment
The Mayor of Warrington attended the annual dinner of the South Lancashire Regiment (PWV) Officers' Dinner Club held at Peninsula Barracks, Warrington, on Saturday. Colonel W.H. Grime presided.

The Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA)
Lieutenant-Colonel A.C. Taylor, Commanding Officer of the 6th (Volunteer) Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of The Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA) Officers' Dining Club held on Saturday at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge.

Kent Army Cadet Force
Major-General J.D.C. Graham was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Kent Army Cadet Force at Chattenden Barracks, Rochester, on Saturday. Lieutenant-Colonel C.H.G. Philpin, Commandant Designate, presided.

Appointments

Dr A. L. Machin to be Director of Studies at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, from April 21.

The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, to be President of the Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages. **Mr Andrew Bowden**, MP, and **Mr George Foulkes**, MP, to be vice-presidents.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



Detail from Self-portrait with Lute, by Jan Steen (c 1626-1679): Steen's sense of fun comes bubbling through in this portrait of himself, looking decidedly the worse for drink and dressed in an unkempt, archaic costume. Perhaps he actually wanted to appear the jester: there was a great deal of mockery in Steen's view of the world. The Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection of Old Masters is at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Carriages draw the crowds

The sleet and snow on Saturday *failed to deter hardy carriage* driving enthusiasts from travelling to Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, for a sale of horse-drawn vehicles.

Some of the finest examples of British 19th century transport, collected by Mr John Dunsdon, a property developer, including gigs, carts, wagons and phaetons were auctioned.

An anonymous private buyer paid £16,500 for an elegant Spider phaeton by Offord & Sons. Another phaeton, by the Manchester firm of Slack, was bought by a private buyer for £8,140.

Two-wheeled vehicles formed the largest part of the collection with a round-backed gig, also by Slack, realizing £7,700.

In Los Angeles on Saturday, Christie's found buyers for all 617 lots on the first day of the sale of Liberace's effects. The Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts, a charitable organization funding scholarships in the arts, benefited to the tune of $660,000, or £372,918.

The entertainer's 13 embossed and encrused pianos formed the nucleus of the first session, between them generating $490,600, or £277,175. Prices for other pianos included the $46,750 (estimate $20,000 to $25,000) paid by Emanouel Antiques, of London, for a Baldwin Model L grand, the *ebonized case veneered with* acid-etched mirrored tiles to the side beneath a clear lucite lid.

Marriages

Mr R.A. Warburton and Miss S.E.M. Yorke
The Duke and Duchess of York and The Prince Edward were present at the marriage of Mr Richard Warburton, to Miss Sarah Yorke at Holy Cross Parish Church, Uckfield, on Saturday.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Louise Hawkins, Miss Catherine Fowler-Tutt and Miss Catherine Lock. Mr Simon Drummond-Brady was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr W.A. Jutsum and Miss H.G. Kemp
A service of blessing was held in the Chapel of the Bishop's Palace, Chichester, after the marriage at Chichester Register Office on Saturday of Mr William Jutsum, only son of Mr and Mrs B.R. Jutsum, of Cooden, East Sussex, to Miss Harriet Kemp, youngest daughter of the Bishop of Chichester and Mrs Kemp.

Mr M.S. Persson and Miss V.R. Colman
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence's, Wooton, Hampshire, of Mr Matthew Persson, elder son of the Bishop of Doncaster and Mrs William Persson, of Bishop's Lodge, Rotherham, to Miss Rose Colman, younger daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Colman, of Malshanger, Basingstoke, Hampshire. The Bishop of Doncaster officiated, assisted by the Rev Christopher Atkins.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rachel and Louisa Whitworth, Eleanor Colman, Edward and Thomas Johnstone-Burt, Miss Tessa Dunlop and Miss Claire Williams. Mr Richard Peter Pease was best man.

The Rev S.J. Waine and Miss E.A. Neilson
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Collegiate Church of St Peter, Wolverhampton, of the Rev Stephen John Waine, eldest son of the Bishop of Chelmsford and Mrs John Waine, of Bishop's Court, Margaretting, Ingatestone, Essex, to Miss Elizabeth Anne Neilson, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.G. Neilson, of 114 Worthing Street, Clough Road, Hull. The Bishop of Chelmsford and Prebendary J.H. Ginever officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Clare Milson and Miss Jane Bennett. Mr Ian Waine was best man.

Mr R.N. Maitland and Miss D. Stuart
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, of Mr Robin Maitland, second son of Mr and the Hon Mrs John Maitland, of Alkerton Grange, Eastington, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, to Miss Deborah Stuart, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Watson Stuart of 1 Market Place, Tetbury. The Rev J. Hawthorne officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Jane Stuart and Miss Fiona Romaire Maitland. Mr Angus Kenneth Maitland was best man.

Mr E.M. Harley and Miss A.V. Mather
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Edward's, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, of Mr Edward Mortimer Harley, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Harley, of Brampton Bryan Hall, Shropshire, to Miss Alice Victoria Mather, youngest daughter of Sir Carol and the Hon Lady Mather, of Oddington House, Moreton-in-*Marsh, Gloucestershire. The* Rev John Morris officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by John and Harry Gladstone, William and Hermione Shirley, Hector Fleming, Sophie and Alice Watson and Harriet and Rosanna Barclay. Dr John Harley was best man.

Mr C.J. Hall and Miss J.A. Studd
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Rockbourne, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire, of Mr Christopher John Hall, elder son of Sir Peter Hall, of South Chailey, Sussex, and of Miss Leslie Caron, of Rue de Bellechasse, Paris, to Miss Jane Anastasia Studd, second daughter of the late Sir Kynaston Studd and of Ana Lady Studd, of Manor Farm, Rockbourne, Hampshire. The Rev J.E. Studd and the Rev J. Hathaway officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Philip Woolley, was attended by Belinda Wilson, Rebecca Hall, Stephanie Clive, Timothy Olivier and James McGowan. Mr Peter Sykes was best man.

OBITUARY

M ARMAND BLATON

A Belgian friend of England

M. Armand Blaton, Honorary KBE, who has died in Brussels at the age of 91, was a Belgian *industrialist and entrepreneur* who played an important part in the physical reconstruction of Belgium after the Second World War.

His various companies were *concerned in building motor*ways, factories, housing, public buildings, the Brussels Métro and his own AMIGO group of hotels.

It was partly due to his vision and enterprise that Brussels had the infrastructure needed to accommodate the headquarters of the European Economic Community and of NATO.

He was a great patriot and also a good friend of Britain. He conceived the idea of a centre for British organizations in Brussels, Britannia House, in which the British Embassy is housed, and built it in conjunction with Costains. He collaborated on several projects with other British contractors.

On the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, in 1965, when an appeal was launched to refurbish British monuments of the battle, Blaton contributed to the rescue of the building, part of it then a cinema, which had been Wellington's headquarters. He also renovated much of the church opposite, in which many mementoes were housed.

His honorary knighthood was announced on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in 1977.

Blaton loved entertaining, and his dinner parties at Bovenberg, his beautiful villa on the outskirts of Brussels, were always splendid occasions.

He remained in control of his businesses until he was over 90.

MR RALPH WINTERTON

Mr Ralph Winterton, consultant gynaecological surgeon emeritus to the Middlesex Hospital, died on April 8 at the age of 82.

William Ralph Winterton was educated at Marlborough and Caius College, Cambridge, entering the Middlesex as a clinical student. He became gynaecological registrar in 1934, when the late Victor Bonney was at the peak of his career.

This apprenticeship was to have a profound influence. *Not only did he learn the* techniques of cancer surgery from Bonney, but joining the consultant staff he developed and combined radical surgery with radiotherapy, further enhancing the reputation of the Middlesex in the treatment of gynaecological malignancy.

Winterton was one of the outstanding postgraduate teachers of his day. There is scarcely a major teaching centre in London where the present senior staff have not in some way been trained or greatly influenced by him.

In 1964 he was master of the Drapers' Company. His gift for encouraging others found further outlet as a governor to the company's schools, first at Bancroft's, where his father had been chaplain and second master, and later as governor and vice-chairman of Howells, Denbigh.

An enthusiastic campanologist, he was treasurer of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and president of the Guild of Medical Ringers. He gave freely of his time and *energies to his church and* bells at Rushden, Hertfordshire, where he had his home, and St Michael's Cornhill, where he was churchwarden.

Retirement allowed more time to pursue a lifelong passion for flyfishing and for carpentry. He worked wood with skills comparable to his surgery. But ties with his hospital remained close. He *became archivist to the* Middlesex.

He is survived by his wife Kay, two sons and two daughters.

MR MOZAFFAR FIROUZ

Mr Mozaffar Firouz, a former deputy prime minister and influential figure in Iranian politics after the war, died on April 7 in Paris, where had been living in exile. He was 83.

He was one of the exiles who carried out a propaganda campaign against the late Shah. He had harboured a deep dislike of the Pahlavi dynasty after the death in prison of his father, Prince Nosrat-o-Douleh. He himself, with his vague left-wing leanings, was known as the "Red Prince."

Firouz belonged to a prominent branch of the ruling Qajar dynasty. A maternal uncle was the celebrated Dr Mohammad Mossadiq who was to cause so much embarrassment to the British Government.

The importance of his background was recognized when he was sent to Britain at the age of six under the auspices of Lord Curzon. He studied here at Cambridge, and later in the United States.

At the end of the war the Iranian régime sent him to Moscow as ambassador, at a crucial time when Soviet forces occupied Iranian Azerbaijan. In a sense this was banishment, but it was also felt that his political stance would impress the Russians. At home he played an important part in bringing the Communist (Tudeh) Party into the Government.

He resigned from the Moscow post when he realized that the next government, under the influence of the new Shah, Mohammad Reza, would dismiss him. When Mossadiq became prime minister in 1951 with a mandate to nationalize the Iranian assets of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, he was expected to be recalled from exile.

It never happened. Nor did he return when the Islamic revolution of 1979 overthrew the Shah. For the rest of his life, Firouz lived the life of an intellectual in exile, enjoying the respect of the Iranian community in France. From the safety of Paris he published articles and books attacking the Shah.

MR JOHN WOODWARD

Mr John Woodward, former Keeper of Art at the City of Birmingham Museum, died on March 13 at the age of 66.

He had originally shown his flair as assistant keeper in the Department of Art (now Western Art) in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. While there he published *Tudor and Stuart Drawings.*

But it was at Birmingham that he built up an outstanding record for acquisitions. During his time there the works bought by his department included a small landscape by Claude and a panel by Simone Martini which had escaped notice in public sales, a "lost" Eastlake, *The Champion*, and important works by, among others, Batoni, Botticelli, Degas, Gainsborough and Subleyras.

The exhibitions he organized at Birmingham and elsewhere included *Wilkie* (1958) and *Landseer* at the Royal Academy in 1961.

In 1962 he published *A Picture History of British Painting.*

Latterly ill health prevented him from exercising to the full the gifts of connoisseurship, taste and enthusiasm with which he was endowed more richly than many of his colleagues in the museum profession.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee, will attend a meeting and dinner of the Trustees of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at Windsor Guildhall at 6.00.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the National Art-Collections Fund Exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, at 11.20.

The Princess Royal will attend the Leather and Associated Trades Show at Alexandra Palace at 11.30; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit Elphinstone Family Centre, Hastings, at 2.50; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge at 7.25 given by the British Olympic Association Cambridgeshire Appeal Council.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a gala concert at the *Festival Hall at 7.15 in aid of the* National Trust.

Nature notes



Chiffchaffs and blackcaps are now arriving in large numbers, *and it looks as though they will* be very common in British woods this year.

The first sedge warblers are returning to the brambles at the edge of lakes and ditches: they announce themselves by a quick rattling song, and when they appear for a moment at the top of the bush, the creamy eye-stripe is conspicuous on this little brown and white bird. Later in the month, they will be fluttering into the sky as they sing, then diving back again.

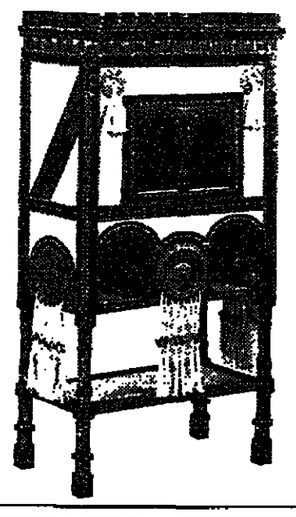
***Swallows are appearing in* ones and twos along the south and east coasts, beating up and down the shore looking for insects: they will soon be turning inland.**

Over the lakes where tufted duck are gathering, a sweet, musical murmur is heard from the brown females, who are silent at all other times. The last of the wintering teal are going north to the moors.

After a rapid burst of growth, the new leaves have slowed down in the last week because of the cold winds. But more flowers have opened, including big clumps of marsh marigolds and the first sprays of cow parsley.

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This will be one of the main items in the sale of Decorative Arts from 1880 to the Present Day at Christie's, King Street, on Wednesday, 13 April at 11.00a.m. and 2.30p.m. Also in the sale are four side chairs in the same style by Carlo Bugatti, an important gold lacquered panel carved with a horse's head by Jean Dunand and fine glass wares by Lalique, Gallé and the Finnish maker Timo Sarpaneva.

For further information on this and other sales in the next week please telephone 01-839 9060.

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 1 Timothy 6:5

BIRTHS

BALDWIN - On April 6th, to Michele (née Decki) and Mark, a son James Lewis. Thanks to all staff at Pembury Hospital.

DONOVAN - To Michael and Lesley (née Forrest) a son, Patrick Alexander, in Canada.

FYFFE - On March 18th 1988, to Noelle and David, a son, Andrew Christian Stedman.

HILL - On February 25th, 1988, to Kathryn (née Kerr Gilbert) and Nicholas, a son Angus Edward.

HILLIER - On April 5th, to Hetty (née Elvins) and Anthony, a son, Nicholas Paul Henry, a brother for Katharine, Christina and Charles.

HOLDICH-DAVIES - On April 8th, to Angela and Michael, a son, Matthew James Thomas.

HOLT - On March 30th 1988, at University College Hospital to Kim and David, a son Benjamin Alexander.

JENKIN - On March 25th, to Jill (née Jackson) and Anthony, a daughter Kitty, a sister for David and Annie.

NIAS - On March 29th 1988, to Denise and Simon, a daughter Sophie Olivia.

SHENOGHAN - On March 18th, to Sue (née Watt) and Ivan, a son Alexander, a brother for Max and Melissa. With grateful thanks to the Winnicott Unit at St.Mary's Paddington.

MARRIAGES

LAIRD:BEESLEY - At the United Reform Church, Hythe, on Saturday 2nd April. Carol Ann Laird to Richard Edmund Beesley.

DEATHS

BENEDICTUS - On April 5th 1988, Roger William, dearly loved by his mother Phyllis, wife Tanya and sons, Philip, Luke and Daniel. Funeral Service and cremation at Leicester Crematorium, Wednesday, April 13th, at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Intermediate Technology. c/o Ginns & Gutteridge Ltd, Funeral Directors, of Leicester. Tel: 0533 616117.

BOYDEN - On April 2nd, at Abbeyfield, Beaminster, Ronald Ernest, late of Blackdown, Broadwindsor, Dorset, aged 85.

CLAY - On April 6th, Sybil Macartney, peacefully, in her 93rd year, sadly missed by her family in Canada and by surviving daughter Sarah (Dobson), Nicholas and Jane grandchildren, Garnett, John, Whitney, Megan and Geoffrey, great grandchildren. Funeral service on Thursday April 14th, at Tring Catholic Church, 10 am.

COLLINS - On April 7th, peacefully at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Marjorie Louise Major (Robb), aged 83. Much loved wife of the late Raymond Laird Collins and loving mother of Patricia, Sally and Stephen and grandmother of Nicholas, Michael and James. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Wednesday 13th April at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to: The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, c/o James & Thomas, West Horsley, Surrey.

EVANS - On April 7th 1988, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Lawrence Worthington Evans. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on April 13th at 12.30pm. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Macmillan Service, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. All enquiries to LF Lintott & Son, Midhurst 3264.

FAITH - On March 8th, following a tragic motor accident in France, Richard his wife Tricia and daughter Melissa. Much loved son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter of Alan and Mary. They will be greatly missed by all their relatives and friends. Quiet family funeral not yet arranged. No flowers but donations if desired, to Children's Hospital Great Ormond Street.

FOSTER - On April 3rd, peacefully in Devon, Samuel John Spencer aged 77 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Helen, formerly of Harpenden, Herts. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

GRAHAM-MARTIN - On April 7th, peacefully at Malmesbury District Hospital, Captain Hugh Noel, dear husband of Mercedes, and father of Charles, John and Annabel. Funeral service at Charlton Parish Church on Wednesday 13th April, at 2.30 pm. Flowers and Enquiries to H & C Matthews FD, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury. Tel: 0666 822216.

HOCKEY - On April 8th, at Quarr Abbey, Dom Frederick Hockey F.S.A. F.R.Hist.S. priest and monk, aged 81. Funeral at Quarr Abbey on Tuesday April 12th at 11 am.

LEE - On April 3rd 1988, suddenly whilst on holiday, Ester Charne (née Seifert), beloved wife of Doctor Sidney Lee and mother of Fruia, mother-in-law of Ronald, grandmother of Merriam and Graham (Sheer). Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11, on Wednesday April 13th 1988, at 12 noon. Enquiries and flowers to Kenyon Funeral Directors, 12 Chiltern Street, London, W1.

LEES - On April 7th 1988, Jean aged 84, widow of Dr. Robert Lees and loving mother of Eileen, David and Lorna. Funeral April 11th, enquiries to Hawkins, Leatherhead.

PALMER - On Friday April 8th 1988, peacefully at a Jersey Nursing Home, in her 100th year, Gwladys Ada (née Mather-Jackson), beloved wife of the late Venerable Archdeacon Reginald Palmer. Funeral Service at St.Saviour's Parish Church, Jersey, on Tuesday 12th April at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please to, G.E. Croad Ltd, Funeral Directors, Jersey. Tel: 0534 33330. Donations in lieu of flowers maybe sent to the S.P.C.K. Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1 4DU.

MEYRICK THOMAS - See Thomas.

MILWARD - On April 7th, 'Dr. Sheila', after a very short illness. Funeral on 19th April, at 11.00 a.m., at St. Johns Church, Farnham Common. Donations to Chiltern Cheshire Home, Gerrards Cross, please.

QUIBELL - On April 8th, aged 83, peacefully, at Uttoxeter, Doris Muriel (Queenie), late of the Old Rectory, Nettleham Road, Lincoln. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Holmes, much loved mother of Judith, Elizabeth, Dyllis and Richard and devoted grandmother. Funeral in Lincoln Cathedral at 12 noon on Friday April 15th, followed by burial at Eastgate Cemetery. Flowers to Priestley & Cockett, 64, Boultham Park Road, Lincoln.

RANSOM - On Friday April 8th, peacefully at home, aged 88, William Fowler. Funeral at Wellingore, Thursday, 14th April, 2.30pm. Burial at Temple Bruer. No flowers. No letters.

REED - On April 8th, in his ninetieth year, Paul, late of the British Council, beloved husband of Joanna. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium, at 2pm, on Monday 18th April. Family flowers only.

SALUSBURY-TRELAWNY - On April 8th 1988, at home, Jean Mary, dear wife of Philip and mother of Dinny and Simon and grandmother of James and Jonathan and Edward and Harry. Funeral at Lanhydrock on Thursday, 14th April at 2.30pm. Family flowers, donations if desired to the MacMillan Service (Cornwall) 3 St Clement Vean, Tregolls Rd, Truro. Enquiries to G.N. Thomas and Sons, Funeral Directors, West End, Bodmin. Tel: Bodmin 2846

SEIFERT - See Lee.

SMITH - On April 7th 1988, at his home in Marple, George Ingham dearly loved Husband of Olive, dear Father of John and Jo, and Grandfather of Alice and Lucy. Retired Deputy Registrar Manchester University, former Provost University of Ghana, Wartime Lt.Col.Royal Lincolnshire regiment. Service and committal at Stockport Crematorium on Wednesday April 13th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research, donations and enquiries to Malcolm Shaw and Son, 3 Church Street, Marple. 061 4272276.

THOMAS - On April 7th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Trevor Meyrick M.CHIR., F.R.C.S., of Farnborough Park, dearly loved husband of Judith and devoted father of John and Richard and grandfather of Nick and William. Funeral Service at St Giles' Church, Farnborough, Kent, Thursday 14th April at 3.30, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to I.C.R.F. Cancer Research, c/o St Marks Hospital, City Road, EC1.

TIMSON - On April 6th 1988, peacefully at Eastnor Lodge Nursing Home, Reigate, Surrey, following a short illness, Reginald Thomas, widower of Mary (née Paterson) and Joan (née Cowell) and much loved father and grandfather. The funeral will take place at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth, Crawley on Wednesday April 13th at 1.30pm, Family flowers only please.

WATT - On April 7th 1988, at home after a long illness, courageously borne, Margaret Anne Marion (Peggy) Watt C.A., only child of the late William and Peggy Watt. Funeral service at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, on Tuesday April 12th at 12 noon. Flowers and arrangements will subsequently be sent to Fairmile Nursing Home.

WINTERTON - On April 8th, peacefully in hospital, Ralph Winterton, Surgeon and Archivist to the Middlesex Hospital, dearly loved husband of Kaye, devoted father and grandfather. Private funeral. No flowers, donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital, London W1. Memorial service to be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HEWS - A Memorial Service for the late Col. Rodney Hews, M.C.,T.D.,D.L. will be held in Canterbury Cathedral at 12 noon on Thursday, April 28th, 1988.

BARBY - A Memorial Service for Doris Marguerite Barby will be held in the Chapel at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton Road on Monday, 18th April at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common, North Side, London, SW4 0RM.

FRANCES BENNETT - Leader and warden of Northcote House, 37 Royal Street, SE1 from 1941 - 1972, died January 1st 1988. A thanksgiving service will be held in the Chapel of St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 at 12 noon on Tuesday April 12th 1988. All of her friends will be welcome.

PRIEST - A memorial mass for the Rev Peter Priest will be celebrated at St Alban's, Brooke Street, EC1, at 11am on Saturday 16th April.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

WINALL - Arthur Henry, Royal Flying Corps died of Wounds, France 10th April 1918. Alan Christopher, Royal Artillery Died Fukuoka Japan, January 1945.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

PORTMAN - Gerald William Berkeley, Eighth Viscount, who died November 3rd 1967. Today our 42nd anniversary, darling Gerry will always be remembered for his affection and care to his devoted wife Nancy.

RAFFLES - Gerry. 18th of April, Manchester 1923 to 11 April Vienne 1975. Unforgetable Gerry.

UHLMAN - Fred, 19th January, 1901, to 11th April, 1985. Enhanced our lives.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

Major General C. E. W. Jones to be Quarter Master General, Ministry of Defence in the rank of Lieutenant General, in July, in succession to General Sir Charles Huxtable. This appointment carries with it Membership of the Army Board of the Defence Council.

Brigadier M. J. Wilkins to be Commander 3rd Armoured Division in the rank of Major General in June, in succession to Major General Jones.

MAJOR GENERALS: J A Hulme - To be DGOS LE(A), 11.4.88; C N Last - To be MD/HDES MOD(PE), 11.4.88; J H Learmont - To be Comdt Staff College, 11.4.88; G M Hutchinson to be VMGO MOD(PE) 11.4.88.

BRIGADIERS: Richard Sheffield Webster, late The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, is appointed Aide de Camp to The Queen on April 7, in succession to Brigadier Michael John Evans, retired; R J Hayman - To be Brig (W) DP FVE 1 MOD, 15.4.88; S G McK Gordon - To be Comd 12 Sig Bde, 22.4.88.

COLONELS: R L Giles - To Staff College, 15.4.88; R D C Stevens - To LE(A), 11.4.88; P A Chambers LE(A), 15.4.88; R Tarsnane - To be CO 34 Base Wksp, 15.4.88; A E Thompson - To HQ W Dist, 15.4.88; M L Wildman - To MOD, 15.4.88.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: N H G Beard RCT - To USA, 15.4.88; A T Brett RE - To be CO 25 Engr Regt, 11.4.88; J S Broad RWF - To BMATT ZIMBABWE, 17.4.88; T Byrd RAOC - To MOD, 18.4.88; W M Davidson RE - To HQ Mil Wks Force, 11.4.88; A W de V Hunt R SIGNALS - To HQ NORTHAG Sig Sp Gp, 14.4.88; R V Kelly RA - To be CO 5 Hy Regt, 15.4.88; J E F Kirby R SIGNALS - to BMATT ZIMBABWE, 11.4.88; R MacDonald RE - To be CO 36 Engr Regt, 11.4.88; P D P McQueen AAC - To AAC Centre, 11.4.88; R D Shaw-Brown RA - To MOD, 12.4.88; J A Thorp RE - To HQ 1(BR) Corps, 11.4.88; A J Wright RE - To MOD, 11.4.88; A W Blackett A and SH - To HQ AFNORTH, 11.4.88; A J C Fisher RCT - To BMATT ZIMBABWE, 11.4.88; G F Wheeler RTR - To RMCS, 11.4.88; J D Wilson RA - To MOD, 11.4.88.

Retirements

BRIGADIERS: P M Blagden, Late RE - 16.4.88; R V Ockenden, Late RTR - 14.4.88; A C Vivian, Late RWF - 17.4.88; J H Milburn, Late KINGS OWN BORDER, 15.4.88.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORES: J M P Calnan - To Ordnance Board, 15.4.88; B T Sills - To be AA BONN, 15.4.88.

GROUP CAPTAINS: P J Miller - To RAF Henlow, 11.4.88; A F Short - To HQ RAFSC, 11.4.88; R J Howard - To RAF Scampton as STN CDR, 13.4.88.

WING COMMANDERS: S B Burdess - To MOD London, 11.4.88; A J Griffen - TO RAF Catterick, 11.4.88; B P Swatton - To MOD, 11.4.88; R W Shepherd - To 7 MU Quedgeley, 11.4.88; S C Fuller - To MOD 11.4.88; N A Buckland - To MOD 11.4.88; A P W Lambert - To CVE, 11.4.88; J L Buckler - To HQSTC, 11.4.88; W L McKee RAF Laarbruch, 15.4.88; C - To Al Yamama London, 15.4.88; C P I Bull - To ICOM RAF Halton as A & NO, 11.4.88.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir John Eliot, Parliamentarian, St Germans, Cornwall, 1592; James Parkinson, physician, London, 1755; George Canning, prime minister, 1827, London, 1770; Sir Charles Hallé, pianist and conductor, founder of the orchestra of that name, Hagen, Germany, 1819.

DEATHS: Llywelyn AB Iorwerth, Prince of Wales, Aberconway, 1240; Sir Thomas Wyatt, conspirator, executed, London, 1554; Charles Reade, novelist, London, 1884; Sir Gerald Du Maurier, actor-manager, London, 1934; Sir Archibald McIndoe, plastic surgeon, London, 1960.

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The Annual General Meeting of THE ROYAL UNITED KINGDOM BENEFICENT ASSOCIATION will be held at St. James's Palace at 4.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th May 1988 to receive the Report of the Committee and Accounts for 1987 and to elect Members of the Committee and Auditors.

CHARITY COMMISSION Charity: National Charity - The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 214684-A1-LA) at St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION Charity: Sir Robert Geffery's Homes (Ironmongers' Company of the City of London). Scheme for the regulation of the Charity. Ref: 219153-A/8-LB

The Charity Commissioners have made an order establishing a Scheme for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference above, and may be seen at that address or within one month from today at Ironmongers' Hall, Barbican, EC2Y 8AA.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRANSEQUIP LIMITED THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

I, Ian Soloman Robert Franses of 21 Devonshire Street, London W1N 1FN hereby give notice that I was appointed Liquidator in the above matter on 16th March 1988.

All debts and claims should be sent to the Liquidator at his address given above

I.S.R. Franses, FCA Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

REPORT OF THE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS DATED 17th FEBRUARY 1988 PURSUANT TO SECTION 48 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 THE LONDON REFURBISHING CO LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

A meeting of creditors of the above named company was held on 17th February 1988 and a report was presented by the Joint Administrative Receivers. Any creditor wishing to receive a copy of this report, free of charge, should apply in writing to: Touche Ross & Co 33/34 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1EW Quoting reference: ARH/JDA/DK. Dated 31st March 1988 AR HOUGHTON and JP RICHARDS Joint Administrative Receivers

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors) Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Company number: 1089084. Name of company: Commercial and Industrial Securities (Management) Limited. Nature of business: Management company. Type of liquidation: Members and Creditors. Address of registered office: 33-34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Liquidators name and address: John Parry Richards, 33-34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Office Holder No. 2480. Date of appointment: 28 March 1988. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors. John Parry Richards, FCA Liquidator Date: 29 March 1988

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION NO. 001153 of 1988 IN THE MATTER OF READICUT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 21st March 1988 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30th March 1988. Dated this sixth day of April 1988. Hepworth & Chadwick Cloth Hall Court Infirmary Street LEEDS LS1 2JB Solicitors for the above-named Company

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106 (1) LONDON & HAILSHAM PROPERTY CO LIMITED MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Peter Richard Copp, Chartered Accountant of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company on 28 March 1988 Dated this 28 day of March 1988 P.R. COPP - LIQUIDATOR Note: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1) WHITNEY BURN LIMITED IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Peter Richard Copp, Chartered Accountant of Messrs STOY HAYWARD, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 24th March 1988 Dated this 28th day of March 1988 PR COPP - LIQUIDATOR

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In the Salisbury Court No 27 of 1987 In the matter of Clive Eugene Wiley Harris (In Bankruptcy)

Notice is hereby given that on 5th January 1988, Melvyn Laurence Rose, F C A , F C C A of Lloyra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS was appointed Trustee of the above formerly trading as "Pink and Stretch" at 18 The High Street, Lyndhurst pursuant to the Bankruptcy Order given on 13th November 1987

TRANSEQUIP LIMITED (Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before 2nd May 1988 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their claims and the names and addresses of the solicitors, if any, to Mr. I S R. Franses, FCA, of Messrs. Ian Franses Associates, 21 Devonshire Street, London, W1N 1FN, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, by their solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. DATED THIS 29 DAY OF MARCH 1988 I.S.R. Franses Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 and IN THE MATTER OF KOSCOT A.G.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rule 106 of the Companies (Winding-up) Rules 1949 that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before 30 April 1988 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their claims and the names and addresses of the solicitors, if any, to PR Copp, Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, by their solicitors, or personally to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice. Dated this 29 day of March 1988 P R COPP Liquidator

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors) Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986

Company number: 1823691. Name of company: Bordeaux International Limited. Nature of business: Importer & Distributor of Wine. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: c/o Touche Ross & Co, 33-34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Liquidators name and address: John Parry Richards, Touche Ross & Co., 33-34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW Office holder number: 2480. Date of appointment: 29th March 1988. By whom appointed: Creditors. John Parry Richards Liquidator Date: 30-3-88 Attested by: M. Smart Description. Chartered Accountant

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF BORDEAUX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) Registered Office: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1EW. Principal Trading Address: 27/31 Church Road, Hendon, London NW4 Company No 1823691

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 29th March 1988 I was appointed Liquidator of the above named company, which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the Creditors of the Company. Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address Touche Ross & Co., 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. J P RICHARDS Liquidator Bordeaux International Limited (In Liquidation)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No 007474 of 1987 COMPANIES COURT MR JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES MONDAY the 14th day MARCH 1988 IN THE MATTER of COAL PRODUCTS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 14 March 1988 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £105,000,000 to £82,500,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 25 March 1988. Dated this 6th day of April 1988 Ronald V Cowles Hobart House Grosvenor Place London SW1X 7AE Solicitors for the above Company

DORADA BAKER WEST LIMITED (FORMERLY MASON'S GARAGE (CHICHESTER) LIMITED) (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) Company number: 309959 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DORADA BAKER WEST LIMITED

On 31 March 1988 the above-named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Michael David Gercke of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the members.

The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4 182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the above company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by the 28th day of April 1988. The liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(a) that on 19 May 1988 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 28 April 1988, and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.

The company is able to pay all known creditors in full. Dated this 31st day of March 1988 MD Gercke

NOTICE of resolution for payment of capital LONGS LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:

1. the above named company ("the company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £270,813.
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is 5th April 1988
4. a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.

Dated 5th April 1988 P.G Green Company Secretary

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Writer's craft

Kingsley Amis once observed that the last person to ask about how a particular writer achieves his effects is the writer himself. Since literature increasingly takes its cue from the world of public relations, however, most writers will happily spiel until the cheques come home, often with less than edifying results.

How refreshing, then, to find the veteran Paul Bowles on *The South Bank Show* (LWT, Sunday) smilingly passing up the opportunity to dilate on his technique, or indeed on his purpose in writing at all. An agnostic nihilist does not give the most fruitful interview, and for much of the programme one felt touched by that rarest of emotions, sympathy for Melvyn Bragg.

Reclining awkwardly on Tangerine cushions, the sage of Cumbria heaved himself a good millimetre into the placid cocoon of thoughtful fatalism in which the doyen of American expatriates resides. Not having written a novel these 20 years, Bowles can afford to laugh at schoolboy questions.

Elsewhere, the blanks in the *questionnaire* were filled in by tourist shots of Fez, Tangier and the Sahara, many of them in slow motion. There was also an actor, in a 1950s suit, who impersonated the protagonists of three novels by lounging around dingy hotel rooms and looking philosophical.

One would never have guessed from this programme that Bowles's pre-Moroccan life formed a compendium of famous names from 20th-century culture, let alone that he lent his own surname to the heroine of *Cabaret*. One had to assume that a deal had been struck.

***Every Breath You Take* (Granada) was a watchable but desperately sketchy Nell Dunn play, in which Connie Booth played an improbable florist and Brian Protheroe an unlikely restaurateur, a *métier* which enabled him to pronounce on the carbohydrate content of her diabetic son's diet. Between wilting blooms and insulin shots, the story threatened to take the Kleenex route, abseiling down a few screes of bathos before pulling itself up by its bootlaces. But you knew it was going to come out all right when the precociously wise son decided not to put all his worldly wealth on West Tip in the Grand National.**

Martin Cropper

John Higgins reviews a well-judged, full-blooded, production of a Richard Strauss opera

Under the skin

OPERA

Salome
Covent Garden

Until the end of the month Covent Garden have, in co-production with Los Angeles, a mesmeric *Salome*. Strauss's opera marks the return of Sir Peter Hall to this house after 17 years away, as well as a belated début here of the highest quality from Maria Ewing, aka Lady Hall.

Add in the experience of Christoph von Dohnanyi in the pit and a powerful trio is at work. It is one which delivers the goods most handsomely wrapped.

The Hall staging of *Salome* was one of the three productions which opened the Los Angeles Opera in the autumn of 1986 and, as reported on this page, was by far the most successful of that triptych. It was characterized by a readiness to plunge without fear into the steamy, over-fragrant hothouse of Wilde's play and bare all on stage — indeed more was bared in London.

John Bury, Peter Hall's once regular partner, did not seem the obvious man to provide a *fin de siècle* setting, but he came up with a solution that cloaked the opera in eeriness and a constant feeling that something rather nasty was just around the corner.

The set, now a little simplified, centres on the top of the cistern that provides Jokanaan's temporary lodging. But the atmosphere is created by the constantly changing projections against the night sky behind, as the moon makes its slow, observing passage across the stage, until it is blacked out when John The Baptist loses his head.

Lighting, also by John Bury, is all as he treads a path between Beardsley and Klimt, while Hall's direction gives many a forecast of the "new" music to come. *Wozzeck* is the opera this production most recalls in its brutal delineation of the half-mad and the obsessed, ill met by moonlight.

At the centre is Maria Ewing's physically amazing Salome. She is role-trim, with the eyes of an inquisitive child and the body of a young girl. As she stalks the rim of the cistern it is as though she treading around the edge of a volcano, as indeed she is.

She is sufficiently provocative to induce Jokanaan's fury at being turned into a *Playgirl* sex object: "Ich will dich nicht ansehen". And when she is rejected she retires to a corner of the stage to stare moodily into space. The dance is totally erotic, beginning with all-covering kaftans before baring herself to Herod *and* the audience, which is just as much a voyeur as he is.

The voice begins by having a silvery girlishness, which is always in part retained: this never has been and never will be a billowy Salome, vocally. There is, as there was in Los Angeles, an arid patch in the middle of the Closing Scene where *Sprechgesang* is resorted to temporarily.

This could well be a husbanding of resources in preparation for the final ecstasy with Jokanaan's bleeding head. If so, it is well worth it. The closing moments are, correctly, the high point of a performance which gets beneath the skin of Salome as few others have done.

Robert Hale, an American bass-baritone who has been making a name for himself in Germany mostly in the Wagner repertoire, could probably have got himself a job modelling for a physique magazine, had he decided to give up prophesying in the wilderness.

He emerges from the cistern with muscles rippling beneath gleaming white skin — "Elfenbein" (ivory) is the word Salome uses — and with that much coveted hair hanging down to his buttocks as his principal covering. His voice has not the easy legato delivery of a James Morris, but it is a sturdy and healthy instrument, especially when resonating within the cistern.

Two older and more experienced hands sing Herod and Herodias. Robert Tear's Tetrarch is his regular and admirable interpretation, as he prowls the stage singing his songs of a mad king, until finally he cannot bear to look at the once object of his lust.

Helge Dernesch's Herodias must be one of the best performances she has given of the role: contemptuous and vocally cool, with none of the shrieked notes so often allowed in the part.

Robin Leggate's Narraboth was handsome enough to have caught the eye of Beardsley. Francis Egerton led the tiresome quintet of disputatious Jews with authority; the two Nazarenes were less impressive.

Much of the credit for the quality of the evening must go to Christoph von Dohnanyi, whose breadth of experience Richard Morrison outlined last week. His feel for the score, as bejewelled as Wilde's text, was evident from the start; but he also revealed a sympathy with the singers, never unleashing too much sound too soon, which is not always the case.

This was an excellently paced and coloured evening, which took full account of the "Schreckliche Stille" Strauss wisely fits into the score when things get too noisy.

ZOË DOMINIC



Prophet provoked: Robert Hale (Jokanaan) and Maria Ewing (Salome)

Villain proves elusive

Murder Factory of John George Haigh
Royal Theatre, Northampton

A popular error is to suppose a thriller will be more thrilling when based on true events. In John Peacock's play the villain's mind stays teasingly beyond the playwright's reach even though the writer has had access to newspaper accounts, letters, confessions and even a poem (praising solitude) written by his subject.

Haigh was the "Acid Bath" murderer, killing between 1945 and 1949 at least half a dozen people and using acid to dissolve their bodies. He also claimed to drink their blood, and the play eventually shows Peter McEnery (Haigh) doing just that.

He has shot Maxine Audley (his last victim) in the back of the head, leant over her neck for a couple of minutes and when he straightens up again he is seen to be holding a tumbler half-full of something red. A blood-coloured tableau showing choirboy, tree and dripping gore has already opened up the rear of the stage, and as he downs his drink a tremor of pleasurable distaste ripples through the audience.

The choirboy is Haigh when young, a chorister whose flawless treble enchanted the congregation of Wakefield Cathedral, but already, it would seem, wracked by the guilts and terrors inspired by his Plymouth Brethren family. McEnery's Haigh tells us these background facts himself, and his dapper, fastidious bearing and the sardonic, self-congratulatory voice seem pretty right. But, while this method solves the narrative problem, it bars all but the most superficial glimpse into the well-springs of behaviour.

Instead, the play contents itself with the manoeuvres of Haigh's plot to charm money out of his South Kensington widow. A shelter on Brighton front is trundled on from stage left, a Tooting gambling arcade descends, lights flashing, from the flies.

Maxine Audley interestingly makes her character almost welcome violent death as a relief from boredom, and this imaginative notion more clearly defines her than all the author's research into "true events" can do for Haigh. Michael Napier Brown directs good supporting performances, and the mimed singing and piano playing had me completely fooled.

Jeremy Kingston

Surprisingly lively night

THEATRE

Twelfth Night
Barbican

John Carlisle's Malvolio (replacing Antony Sher) is the only major cast change in Bill Alexander's production since Jeremy Kingston reviewed it in Stratford last July; but the immediate impression is that its characters are meeting for the first time.

Nothing quite fits. There is a distracted, hollow-eyed Viola (Harriet Walter) who suggests more the last act of a tragedy than the opening of a comedy. Donald Sumpter's Orsino is a grizzled autocrat with none of the expected marks of a romantic lover. In years, at least, he is a match for Deborah Findlay's Olivia; but it then comes as a shock to meet her uncle Toby (Roger Allam) who could be half her age.

Feste (Bruce Alexander) is another middle-aged figure who pushes the privileges of folly to the limit of sardonic bombast and haunts the Illyrian courts in rags; though even his costume is more *prepossessing than the bedraggled* rompers in which the well-to-do Augucheek (David Bradley) hopes to seduce Olivia.

Illyria this time appears to be a part of the Greek hinterland, represented (by Deirdre Clancy and Kit Surrey) with baggy trousers and embroidered full-length skirts; and a village setting with a bell tower at the apex of a honeycomb of massive walls, perspectives of deep blue sky through rough-cut archways, and benches on the the house exteriors. It is on those benches that the show starts taking shape.

Toby and Maria (Pippa Guard) flop down on one of them and start gossiping while she feeds him slices of melon. Olivia sits Feste down to advise him that his jokes are offending people. An intimate atmosphere at once springs up in this public square. *It may not be* the usual interior world of *Twelfth Night* — traditionally a play of mirrored rooms — but it affords the characters a means of coming to life.

On this occasion it is less an exquisite lyric comedy than a boisterous piece for the market place, animating every inch of the space. In particular, it excels in false exits, prolonged down narrow alleyways and out of sight, and then brought hurtling back like a ball just before the elastic snaps.

Harriet Walter shows signs of wilting in the face of all the full-blown ruderies, and comes into her own only when her knees turn to water before the Aguecheek duel. But the multiple intrigues go off like a bomb.

Allam's Sir Toby is a virile young hell-raiser, equipped with all the gentlemany graces which vanish in a roar when the drink gets to him. Bradley's Aguecheek hovers round him as an grim-faced pleasure-seeker, always missing the point, and trying to preserve his dignity by pretending he understands perfectly.

It is a cruelly funny relationship, and the cruelty runs riot when it fastens on Carlisle's Malvolio, an invincibly stately personage who then arrives in the likeness of a Greek dancing girl before being chained up by the neck in a dripping dungeon. Seldom has the horror of the farcical climax been projected with such impact.

There is also comedy in the most unexpected places; as where Orsino's musicians flock round to give him lute therapy when Olivia finally rejects him; and in Toby's last act line, "I hate a drunken rogue" delivered straight to his patroness as a plea not to throw him out of the house.

Irving Wardle

DONALD COOPER



Malvolio deceived: John Carlisle (foreground) observed by the plotters

First time feeling

LPO/Tate
Festival Hall

There's no denying it: Kyung-Wha Chung's Beethoven Violin Concerto is phenomenal. Even in the highest writing her tonal control never wavers, enabling her to range from a sweet, almost fragile-sounding piano to a forte forceful enough to cut through the thickest orchestral tutti. More impressive still is the rapt quality she brings to the familiar decorative writing in the Larghetto. Like all first-rate performers she can give you the feeling that you are hearing the music for the first time — no mean feat in such a dangerously over-exposed piece.

But, for all the beauty, one has reservations. Chung's approach to the score — or rather to the traditions that have fixed themselves to it — is somewhat uncritical. She is by no means unique in this, but the unease remains. Perhaps a very slight drop in tempo can clarify details in the lead-back to the first movement recapitulation, and perhaps the same device can add extra poignancy to the beginning of the coda, but to hear these passages taken time after time at the same portentous plod makes one wonder whether violinists ever think of questioning such habitual readings.

And there are the inevitable Kreisler cadenzas: monstrously anachronistic in style, and in the first movement enshrining a spirit of technical exhibitionism quite at odds with the concerto's prevailing meditative lyricism. Credit where it is due — Chung played them superbly, with a kind of technical precision one expects to hear only in a recording.

There can be no doubt about Jeffrey Tate's handling of the orchestral accompaniment: precise, poetic and unfailingly sympathetic. And in the Elgar Introduction and Allegro he directed the LPO strings in a concentrated and clearly articulate performance, perhaps a little too carefully measured at first, but opening up as the temperature rose. Dvorák's rarely heard but intermittently impressive Third Symphony also made its point clearly, though not quite achieving the final degree of fire and generosity.

Stephen Johnson

CONCERTS

Eder Quartet
Wigmore Hall

Nowadays Bartók is as regular a feature in a quartet programme as Mozart or Beethoven, and when the ensemble is Hungarian his inclusion is virtually *de rigueur*. So it was no surprise when the visiting Eder Quartet included Bartók's Fourth in their Saturday night concert.

But if one was expecting some special nationalist flavouring from the composer's compatriots then one would have been disappointed: the sound was as international as in any of the great Central European quartets. In fact, the body of the playing was so refined that folk-based ideas often passed by without leaving any particular impression.

The purposefulness and smoothness of the Eder's playing had obvious advantages. I've rarely heard the Bartók sound so cohesive: as though, beneath the troubled surface, a patient logic were working its purpose out. But Bartók surely intended that surface to be more arresting than it was here: the grindingly dissonant opening had an oddly neutral quality, as though the players were concerned purely with demonstrating its formal purposes. If anybody needed convincing that the piece "works", the Eder would have done the job to perfection; but, to adapt a phrase from Gluck, their playing drew no blood.

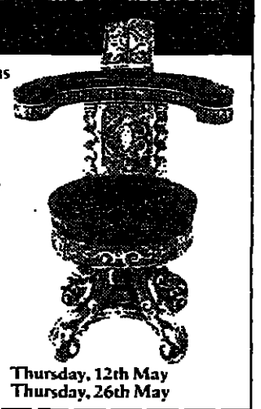
There was more sensual beauty in their reading of the Ravel Quartet: textures were beautifully realized, phrasing elegant, and tone subtly various — all of these qualities were apparent in the Bartók too, though here an undemonstrative approach is more in character with the music.

Apart from an occasional slip in intonation, it was a technical *tour de force*, but again something was missing — affection? Not a performance to touch the heart.

The Eder's concentration and clarity were revealed to their best effect in the last of Beethoven's opus 18 quartets. Perhaps there could have been more bite in accented passages, but their refinement and restraint were very welcome in "La Malinconia" — the finale's slow introduction. Again, not the warmest of performances, but wholly refreshing in its lack of sentimentality. And, as in the Bartók, formal logic was communicated with such power as to be almost tangible.

S.J.

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New island queen confounds the stereotypes

RADIO

Among the matters of national concern these last few weeks has been a question of succession: who would ascend to the Plomleyan throne, in whose gift will lie presentation to the world's most famous nameless island?

The coronation of Sue Lawley seemed to me in prospect only a fairly promising idea. I had her down in the critics' book of broadcasting stereotypes as one of those rather elegant, mature and keen-edged women well able to carve up an evasive politician for supper.

Indeed, when she sat down to assess Lord Hailsham for his period of enforced isolation, that seemed to be the role she was playing — although the idea of carving up as tough and wily an old bird as our last Lord Chancellor was plainly ridiculous. However, it was an uneasy opening, the questions a little clipped, showing no very great sympathy with her candidate's ebullience.

But then, well before the end, there was a change and an explanation; I surmise that even as experienced and assured a professional as Lawley suffers from first night nerves. The last third of that interview was an altogether different thing.

As for the one that followed, with Jane Asher, if that sets a standard for the immediate future of Desert Island Discs, then we are in for a good time. It may have been helped by a very powerful sense of "all girls together" that these two conjured up, but Miss Lawley was relaxed, friendly responsive and sharp with it.



Friendly but sharp : Sue Lawley

She produced an interview which, cut out the music, would have done credit to *Conversation Piece* — and this effectively disposes of a faint regret I felt on hearing of her elevation; that the orb and sceptre had not been handed to another Sue: Sue MacGregor.

This reminds me that cutting out the music might often be one of the best things that could happen to *D.I.D.* These first two selections have been amazingly uninteresting as well as following a programme tradition of singular unsuitability for a period of protracted solitude. My view is that far from offering a solace, most castaways' choices would drive a chap within a week to strike out into the shark-infested waters rather than risk playing them again.

It's likely that the history of British sport will have to be rewritten from goal mouth to popping crease in the light of investigations now being conducted by Peter Tinniswood. Last year, you will recall, he revealed the MCC in its cricket manifestation as a mere front for an international power base plotting and directing the fate of nations. On Saturday in **Tinniswood's Grand National** (Radio 4) he turns his attention to the celebrated steeplechase.

With the aid of some historic material — not all of it, I suspect, obtained from BBC archives — he gave us the authentic history of the great event whose existence apparently owes everything to the BBC's need to find work for its sport commentators.

Those who had followed it that very afternoon must have been just as shocked to learn that every fence has its family of custodians who in return for maintenance work are allowed to make their home inside it; while in an extraordinary scoop (unique and certain to remain so) an old National runner revealed that the race would be fine, if it weren't for those interfering jockeys and for the fact that the quickest road from stallion to gelding is once round the Aintree course. Perhaps the FA ought to slap in a precautionary injunction before Cup Final day.

At one point in **City of God** (Radio 3, Wednesday) I began to suspect the hand of Tinniswood. The Biafran war, I learned, had much to do with the fact that the Ibos, who started it, had been evangelized by some Irish Catholic order, in whom the old nationalist feeling was so strong that they managed to impart to their converts a taste for hopeless insurrection.

But no, this must simply have been a case of history living up to Tinniswood, for there were no other incidences to support my suspicion in this discussion, between Dr Conor Cruse O'Brien and Sir Anthony Parsons, on the influence of religion in promoting nationalism. The number of nations who at one time or another have arrogated to themselves the role of Chosen People is very long.

Curiously, when the talk turned to the legitimate heirs to that name, the Israelis, and their endless predicament, religion scarcely entered into it and we listened to what might have been any political assessment, asserting reasonably enough that the chances of an accord between the state of Israel and the Palestinians range from 96 per cent to 100 per cent against.

David Wade

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Suite dreams are made of this

This room cost more than £8,000 – and costs £150 to sleep in. Sally Brompton takes a tour of designer décor

PHIL O'BRIEN



A room like a wedding dress: Annie Charlton, who co-ordinated the project, in the Lindka Cierach room, which incorporates the Duchess of York in the décor

Lindka Cierach was adamant. The final, divine touches had yet to be laid upon her latest creation and until then nobody, repeat nobody, was to be allowed near it.

For once, however, the object of Cierach's high-security operation was not one of her elaborate gowns. It was a room – to be precise, a hotel bedroom – upon which she had lavished all the dressmaking skills that had caused the Duchess of York to invite her to design her wedding dress. And even if the lightweight bedside lamp did rock a bit and she had overlooked the need to provide somewhere to put the suitcases, a little artistic licence had to be allowed since it was the first time that she had attempted to transfer her talents to the field of interior design.

The reason for this break with the Cierach *haute couture* tradition is a new country house hotel, Stapleford Park near Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire, for six generations the seat of the Earls of Harborough and now the stately home of Bob Payton, the American pizza restaurateur, who is bringing his own brand of hospitality to the luxury hotel business.

While the Earls of Harborough might well have turned up their aristocratic noses at the idea of tins of chocolate-chip cookies beside every king-size bed and blueberry muffins with their breakfast kippers, the transatlantic visitors will, no doubt, appreciate such thoughtfulness.

When I visited Stapleford Park at the end of last week the rear of the hotel resembled a building site and several of the rooms were in states of undress. Sharons, Cynthias and Henrys, sporting red and white "I make it happen!" badges, scurried around with rehearsed grins and armfuls of bed-linen. Downstairs, a row of mounted stag heads, donated by the local Melton Mowbray council, waited to be hung in the gentlemen's lavatories; £1,000 of potted plants stood ready to be dotted around the place.

It was Payton's idea to invite the likes of Lindka Cierach, the shirtmakers Turnbull & Asser, the Regent Street branch of Liberty, Crabtree & Evelyn, manufacturers of naturally based toiletries, jewellers Tiffany, and china producers Wedgwood, as well as such interior designers as Nina Campbell and Lady Jane Churchill to create the bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms that would then bear their names.

It was the task of Annie Charlton, the Chelsea interior designer, to co-ordinate this team, spurring on their inspiration and keeping them within the bounds of reality. "It has been more heartache and more hard work than I ever anticipated," admits the 40-year-old Charlton.

Tonight, however, will see the culmination of her year of dedication when the first invited guests – mainly the designers – try out the rooms. The real test, however, will come on April 29 when the hotel opens its mahogany doors to the public. How they will react to spending the night closeted within grey flannel walls, or in a room in which the pictures are hung on men's braces, has yet to be assessed.

They are, however, unlikely to have any complaints about the stunning setting of 500 acres of parkland and woodland boasting the mandatory hunting, shooting and coarse fishing as well as such niceties as basketball, miniature golf and a helicopter landing pad.

The estate, which cost £750,000 three years ago, belonged to Lord Gretton, who has lent some of the original furniture, tapestries and paintings back to the hotel. So far, more than £3 million has been spent on restoring and converting the house, parts of which date back to the 16th century. Annie Charlton says her budget of £380,000 for all the redecorating, curtains, carpets and furniture in 23 of the eventual 50 bedrooms, the lofty reception rooms, and everything else in between, meant having to "scrimp and save and choose the stuff that looks expensive but isn't".

The designers were all given individual budgets (to include their fee) ranging from £6,000 to £9,000 depending on the size of their rooms (deluxe, superb, premier or outstanding, from £85 to £150 per night) or suites (between £200 to £325). Some, including Charlton, exceeded their budgets at their own expense.

Every room had to include comfortable chairs and, possibly, a sofa, a coffee/writing table, a cabinet to conceal the television and a dressing-table to hide the hair-dryer (which is wired up through a hole in the drawer so that it can be stolen only if the plug is cut off). The hotel provided the beds, bathroom fittings and wastepaper bins.

Charlton found the operation a great insight into the workings of her artistic colleagues. Tastes varied, but in Charlton's view only one of the completed bedrooms has turned out to be "horrendous". With some of the décor less than subtle it might be wise for the hotel to provide potential guests with suggested colour schemes for their clothes in order to blend with rooms.

In the Turnbull & Asser room, striped shirting material covers the walls and bed, the curtains are made of dressing-gown silk and the chair covering is of tweed suiting. A glass display case of bow-ties hangs on the wall, a male torso shows off a Turnbull & Asser shirt and tie, and the pictures dangle from men's coloured braces.

The Tiffany room reflects the art deco era with a bedspread appliquéd with a pearl and aquamarine necklace, matching earrings on the cushions and a video of *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

Annie Charlton's own room, named after Lady Gretton, is in traditional period style with dark green walls, heavy green full length curtains and a striking red bathroom. A photograph of Charlton aged six with her brother and baby sister stands on the antique dressing-table.

The Max Pike room, designed on behalf of the supplier of the hotel's bathroom fittings, boasts grey flannel walls and a Victorian reproduction claw-foot bath in the centre, from which can be seen both the television and the park.

Lindka Cierach's room resembles one of her wedding frocks, with flounces of gold and peach-shot silk taffeta, and rosettes of taffeta and pearls on the curtains and bedhead, the ideal setting for a Barbara Cartland romantic novel.

Cierach, who admits to approaching her first interior design commission in the same way as she does her dress creations, used up most of her £8,000 budget on the material. She has also designed a cut silk velvet dressing-gown, with mink shawl collar and cuffs, to go with the room – but for viewing only. Seemingly, the challenge to the honesty of the guests would be too great for it to become a permanent fixture.

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The £30-a-week family

Linda Needham was happy to care for her dead sister's children. But is she getting a raw deal?

TIM BISHOP



Money wanted, not praise: Linda Needham with James, Gemma and Louise in their flat

Linda Needham is a 38-year-old divorcee bringing up three young children in a one-bedroom flat in Barking, Essex. Gemma, Jane and Louise are not her children – she is their aunt. But she has looked after them since her sister, who was separated from their father, died suddenly on Boxing Day 16 months ago.

Needham is not short of praise for the way she gave up an interesting, well-paid job as a personal assistant in a large company to devote herself to the children, then aged two, four and six. She has a copy of a letter from Michael Portillo, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Social Services, to her local MP, Jo Richardson, in which he talks of "her brave decision".

But what she needs is not applause – she adores the children and never thought of doing anything else – but money. She has found it hard keeping the family on £30 a week, which is all she has had to live on. She has been receiving just under £4 supplementary benefit a week. The rest of the cash is child benefit, and this total is roughly half what a single parent with three children relying on social security might have expected.

Today's changes in the system of social security payments will give Linda a few extra pounds, but she will still be roughly £30 a week worse off than other single parents with the same number of children.

The reason that Needham receives hardly any supplementary benefit is because the children have a modest trust fund set up by Needham and a solicitor from part of the proceeds of the sale of their home. As this amounts to more than £3,000, Needham has been refused any supplementary benefit for the children, as they are treated as having an income from the trust equivalent to the £30 weekly payment to which Needham would be entitled on their behalf. The new cut-off point is £6,000 and, since the children have a little more than that in trust, Needham will not qualify for the Children's Allowance (which replaces supplementary benefit) either.

Looking back, she would have been wiser not to sell the house. She only did so because it was in their father's name and he wanted a share of the capital. And she was advised that the children's money would be safe under this arrangement until they grew up.

Department of Health and Social Security rules on capital exist for obvious reasons. But Needham finds it hard to understand why she is expected to rely on the children's money to pay the bills. As the presenting officer at her recent DHSS appeal pointed out: "The result of the decision of the department is that the appellant is living on the trust fund and probably the appellant is in breach of trust. The welfare state should not put her in that position . . ."

Needham says: "These children have lost their mother. Their father has disappeared. Now it seems they are expected to support themselves financially."

She has also failed to qualify for the DHSS Guardian's Allowance – currently £8.05 a week for each child – designed to help those who are looking after orphans or children who are, effectively, orphans. This is payable when both parents are dead, when one is dead and one is in prison or when the person looking after the children doesn't know where the other parent is, which is the position that Needham is in. Needham, the children's legal guardian, has seen their father just twice briefly since their mother's death and believes he has left the country.

And there has never been any prospect of father helping them financially. But the DHSS appeals proceedings refused her the allowance on the grounds that she had seen him at the time of her sister's death and held that this means she has not failed to discover his whereabouts.

So, effectively, Needham is reduced to living off child benefit, payable to all mothers, plus the extra child benefit given to single parents. The rent on her flat is covered by housing benefit but she gets no Children's Allowance and from this week only £16.80 (previously it was £3.90) for herself, since in assessing her income the child benefit is taken into account. "I think my contribution is worth more than that," she says. "If the children were anywhere other than with me it would cost the state a good deal more."

She points out that if the children had gone into care and she had subsequently become a foster parent the local authority would be paying her something like £200 a week to look after the family. And the children's capital would be untouched.

Jo Richardson, Needham's MP, describes the case as "one of the worst examples of uncaring government that I have seen . . . She is caught by regulations at every turn. She is being denied even the most basic social security support and no one seems to care. Surely the system owes her better than this?"

Maggie Drummond

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TALKBACK

A place for porn

From Mrs Diana Golding, Clappers Lane, Earnley, Chichester, West Sussex

Obviously one should not take too seriously Bel Mooney's statement that it is not easy to get rid of pornographic magazines ("Putting porn in its place", March 11). Nevertheless, I will tell her that about six skips of newspapers and magazines are collected over one weekend each month in aid of St Wilfred's Hospice, Chichester, and the support groups involved have raised about £4,000 to date.

We are told to put magazines *in plastic bags – perhaps* to screen them from the eyes of volunteers should they be pornographic – and I would be happy to collect Bel Mooney's problem in an anonymous black dust-bin liner.

We are tree-conscious on the south coast since the great storm. We are told that one ton of paper saves 17 trees from being cut down, so as each skip holds seven tons of paper, they say 476 trees can be saved in one weekend. More should be done in London.

From Quentin Huxham, Rue Haute, Ottignies, Belgium

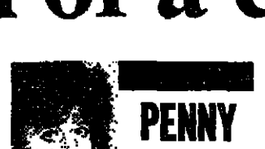
As a recently bereaved parent, I welcome your article on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome SIDS ("Searching for the smallest clue", March 24). My wife and I, despite copious reading of child-care literature, were totally unaware of SIDS until it was too late. Compared with other "fashionable" epidemics, notably Aids, far too little research effort and funding is devoted to SIDS. Your article quotes 1,748 deaths from SIDS in the UK in 1986 alone, while in the same issue you report that the total number of Aids cases (not deaths) in the UK at the end of February was 1,344.

The one aspect of our personal tragedy that made me extremely angry was that not once, in the course of numerous consultations with medical and health professionals, were we informed of the existence, incidence, risk or symptoms of SIDS until it was too late for us to take precautionary measures.

Doctors should be obliged, legally or by medical practice, *to inform all parents of the* risks of SIDS and the remedies available. Ignorance should not be allowed to remain an *excuse for the unnecessary* deaths of these children.

If our son's death can contribute towards the saving of other babies' lives, then perhaps his death will not have been entirely in vain.

All women of a certain age



PENNY PERRICK

If I am still around in the year 2000, I think I will be having rather a nice time. This is on account of the fact that the number of young persons aged between 15 and 29 will have dropped from 13,500,000 counted up in 1986 to an estimated 10,767,000 by 2001.

This means that women who are older than 29 will be able to wear a skirt that is slightly shorter than ankle-length without being labelled mutton dressed up as lamb by an uncouth youth, since there will be fewer genuine lambs about with whom they can be compared. The particular uncouth youth who keeps an eagle eye on the length of my skirt, depth of my necklines and brilliance of my lipstick tries to amend matters by offering me the loan of his rowing machine. Matters are not amended.

Harold Wilson once said that Tony Benn immatured with age and Benn, whose looks become more boyishly sprightly as he enters his mid-60s, is not the only Peter Pan around. Nobody really wants to grow up, from the ancient ladies who retire to Florida and dye their hair pink and eyelashes midnight blue to the gaunt and stringy gentlemen who should know better than to break the ice on the Serpentine on Christmas Day.

Since we all like to pretend that age cannot wither us, the presence of the chronologically youthful is very galling. So the professional bodies such as the Army, the police and the nursing organizations cannot accept us to share their concern at a predicted lack of baby-faced recruits.

Nothing would make me happier than to notice that policemen were looking older every day and, should I finally give in to old age and crawl into the nearest hospital bed, I should like to be nursed by some comfortable motherly body, not by an oomphy blonde who seems to have strayed out of *Carry On Nurse*.

And do not expect me to be despondent about the news that the shortage of young people available to serve in shops and service industries will lead to more automatic electronic registration of sales. I am up to *here* with 17-year-old salesgirls who take offence that you are trying to indicate that you would like the black taffeta in a size 10 when they are enjoying a nice long-distance telephone call to their boyfriend.

If I can't be cooed at by a middle-aged vendeuse I will happily settle for pressing a few buttons on a computer. Perhaps someone will invent an electronic dress-buying device that will know whether something works. "Modom is perhaps a little too pale for the cerise if Modom doesn't mind me saying so."

It is very gratifying to discover that the business world, seeing young customers dwindle away before its very eyes, is now beginning to concentrate on those it describes as in the "new prime" of their lives. (When was the old prime? I don't seem to have had mine yet and time is running out.)

I noticed an advertisement in an American newspaper for a book called *Complete Guide to Health and Well-Being After 50*, which listed all the options open to this newly important group, including "learning to live with arthritis or a new spouse". *Arthritis or* a new spouse? What if one ends up with both? I suppose by the year 2000 that will be the current definition of "having it all".

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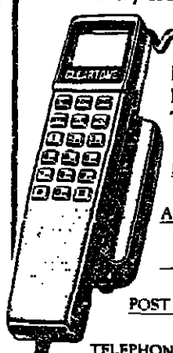
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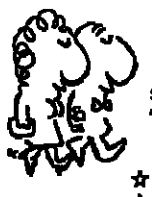
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☆ **THE BEST OF FRIENDS:** Dramatized correspondence between Shaw, a Lady Abbess, and the director of the Fitzwilliam Museum. Brings Gielgud back to the West End stage. *Until April 23.*
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, £5.50-£15.

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Helen Gelzer and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE BROWNING VERSION/ HARLEQUINADE:** Rattigan double bill: starry cast led by Dorothy Tutin and Paul Eddington.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£13.50.

★ **DANGER: MEMORY!:** Arthur Miller Year continues with a double-bill of typically tense one-act plays starring Paul Rogers, John Bennett and Betsy Blair.
Hampstead Theatre, Avenue Road, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mat Sat 4.30pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Sat mat £6.50. Sat evening and Bank Holidays £7.50.

☆ **EXIT ENTRANCE:** Play by Aidan Mathews, a sell-out at Dublin's Abbey Theatre: an ageing couple review their lives, a younger couple look forward in hope.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8.00pm; mats Wed and Sat 5pm, £5-£10.

★ **FAUST (PART TWO):** Major production of Goethe's drama with Simon Callow in the title role, until Tues, and then both parts in repertoire. Ticket prices are for the two performances. Single performance tickets available only on the day of performance.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. First night tonight, 7pm, £15 (for 2 performances). Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £10-£23 (for 2 performances).

☆ **HAPGOOD:** Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **THE JEW OF MALTA:** Spirited performance by Alun Armstrong in otherwise so-so interpretation of Marlowe's revent comedy.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican centre EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/ Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight7.30-10.30pm, £6-£15.

☆ **THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940:** New York comedy-thriller starring Simon Cadell, Tom Baker, Margaret Courtnay, Sheila Steafel, Maria Friedman: set in a country mansion cut off (you guessed) by snow.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm, £7.50-£14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)... ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ **The Dark at the Top of the Stairs:** William Inge's last play – growing up in Oklahoma in the 20s.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.50, mat Sat 16 Apr, 4pm, £2.50.

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **The Little Heroine:** Katharine Schlesinger, Georgina Hale *and Michael Culver in Nell Dunn's first play since Steaming.*
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771), Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, £3.90-£5.50, Fri & Sat 8pm, £4.90-£6.50, mat Sat Apr 23 4pm £3.90.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Much Ado About Nothing:** Maggie Steed and Clive Merrison in first play to be directed by a woman (Di Trevis) on the main stage.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-Upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs & Sat 1.30pm, £4.50-£27.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

BARFLY (18): Charles Bukowski wrote *the script for this humorous, semi-*autobiographical look at life in a seedy Los Angeles bar. With Mickey Rourke as a self-styled poet of the bottle, and Faye Dunaway as his equally alcoholic companion. A first American film from the Swiss-French director Barbet Schroeder (99 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.35, 6.10, 8.50.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 5.50, 8.05, 10.10.

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED (PG): Last year's Christmas treat from the Spielberg factory – a story of harassed Manhattan tenement dwellers, befriended by flying saucers. With Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy; directed by Matthew Robbins.
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.10, 4.40, 7.10, 9.40.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

BROADCAST NEWS (15): Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L. Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*); with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the trio caught in a jumble of professional and romantic problems (132 min).
⊠ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.

■ **DRAGNET (PG):** Lavish attempt to parody the Fifties TV police series, with Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. Directed by Tom Mankiewicz (106 min).
⊠ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

■ **THE FOX AND THE HOUND (U):** Visually glum but dramatically taut Disney cartoon from 1981, about the adventures of a fox cub (83 min).
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 3.45, 5.55.

■ **THE LAST EMPEROR (15):** Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the amazing of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model communist citizen. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills overlooking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **MAURICE (15):** Set before the First World War, E. M. Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 2.20, 4.55, 7.50.

■ **NO WAY OUT (15):** Polished version of a *film noir* classic, *The Big Clock*, with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up: Kevin Costner is the investigator. Roger Donaldson directs (114 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Prog 8.30.

■ **NUTS (18):** High Society whore Claudia Draper kills a client in self-defence. Is she sane enough to stand trial? With Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss (116 mins).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 5.45, 8.25.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.50, 5.30, 8.10.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **ROBOCOP (18):** Violent, cold-blooded fantasy set in Detroit, with Peter Weller as the police officer reconstituted as an indestructible robot. Directed by Paul Verhoeven; with Nancy Allen (103 min).
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20.

■ **ROXANNE (PG):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love (107 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 8.30.

■ **STAKEOUT (15):** Synthetic but spirited comedy-thriller with a dash of romance. Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez play wisecracking Seattle cops on a routine stakeout: Madeline Stowe is the ex-con's girlfriend involved with Dreyfuss. John Badham directs (117 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.35, 7.10, 9.45.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.30.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Prog 8.30.

THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG): Brash Hollywood remake of a flimsy French success. Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare. Leonard Nimoy directs (103 min).
⊠ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.



Dorothy rides the range

Roy Rogers and his crooning film cowpokes do not have a monopoly on songs from the American Midwest, as Dorothy Maddison (left) hopes to show at a highly original recital on the South Bank tonight. The evening will feature works by prominent members of the Composers' Forum of Minnesota, where the soprano trained before coming to live and work in London. Emily Dickinson's poetry provides the inspiration for a cycle by Cary John Franklin of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and selections from it will receive their first UK performance at the start of the recital. The programme ends with *Songs about Spring*, settings of e.e. cummings by Minnesota's unofficial composer-in-residence, Dominick Argento, whose bright, supple and entirely distinctive use of the English language lights up any recital in which he appears. In between come more UK premieres: Libby Larsen's three *Cowboy Songs* and *Selections from ME*, settings of Brenda Ueland's "Adolescence", "Greenwich Village" and "The Present"; and eight songs about birds by Stephen Paulus, called *All my pretty ones*. Dorothy Maddison, who will be accompanied tonight by Robin Bowman, is familiar to English audiences through her work with the English Bach Festival and London Sinfonietta Opera Factory: future engagements include the role of Madame Herz in Mozart's *Der Schauspieldirektor* with The Opera Players. Venue: Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4. ***Hilary Finch***

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **SZYMANOWSKI'S SHOW:** John Bingham plays Szymanowski's exotic and quite marvellous Métopes, a series of poems for piano, following up with Chopin's Sonata Op 58.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **PRO CORDA:** Haydn's Quartet Op 55 No 1 and Dvořák's Quintet Op 97 are heard from the Pro Corda ensemble.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **COLE CONCERT:** Having studied with Messiaen in Paris, Jacqueline Cole plays his La Rousserolle Effarvatte from Book 4 of Catalogue d'Oiseaux on the piano, preceding it with Bach's 30 Goldberg Variations.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **THOMAS/LSO:** Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the LSO in Beethoven's Prometheus Overture, Piano Concerto No 3 (Stephen Hough, soloist) and Richard Strauss's symphonic poem Ein Heldenleben.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638-889, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£15.

☆ **FROM SMITH SQUARE:** The *Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square, is* conducted by Oliver Gilmour in Mozart's Symphony No 39, Schumann's Piano Concerto (soloist, Lovro Pogorelić) and Beethoven's Coriolanus Overture.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3.50-£7.

☆ **ROYAL GALA CONCERT:** In aid of the National Trust Storm Disaster Appeal (see caption).
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.50pm, £15-£50.



Michael Williams (above) will be taking part in an evening of words and music in celebration of the English garden and landscape, in aid of the National Trust Trees & Gardens Storm Disaster Appeal, and in the presence of the Duchess of Gloucester, at the Royal Festival Hall (see listing). Some National Trust properties, such as Chartwell, Sir Winston Churchill's home in Kent, lost 80 per cent of their trees in last October's storms. Also taking part are Dame Judi Dench, Ian Wallace and Sir Charles Groves conducting the English Sinfonia in Delius's *Summer Night on the River* and *Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring*, Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending* (soloist John Glickman), Elgar's Serenade for Strings and Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.

OPERA

☆ **SALOME:** Peter Hall's new production, with Maria Ewing in the title role and Christos von Dohnanyi in the pit.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 8-9.45pm, £2-£55.

☆ **TOSCA:** Revival of Ian Judge's production of Opera North with Mary Jane Johnson, John Treleaven and Sergei Leiferkus.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-9.45, £3.80-£17.80.

★ **CARMEN:** Opera 80's shoestring travelling production, tonight with Colette McGahon in the title role and Ivor Bolton conducting.
Civic Theatre, Scunthorpe (0724 840883), 7.30-10.30pm, £6.

☆ **BITTER SWEET:** Ian Judge's slick production of Noël Coward's classic continues its tour.
Theatre Royal, Bath; (0225 65065), 7.30-10.30pm, £7.50-£15.

DANCE

☆ **COPPELIA:** Northern Ballet Theatre's production follows tradition but is set in Yorkshire.
Towngate Theatre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202-685222), 7.45-9.45pm.

★ **LA SILPHIDE:** London City Ballet's production of the famous romantic classic.
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook, *Guildford (0483-60191), 7.15-9.30pm.*

GALLERIES

THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION: 50 Old Master paintings from one of the world's greatest private collections, presented by *The Times.*
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10am-6pm, £3, concessions and Sun mornings £2, under-18s £1.50, until June 12.

PETER WILLMOTH: Recent carved sculpture.
Cecilia Colman Gallery, 67 St John's Wood High Street, London NW8 (01-722 0686), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 2-5pm, free, until April 26.

GEORGES BRAQUE (1882-1963): A series of wood engraved illustrations to poems by Guillaume Apollinaire.
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Monument Road, Alloway, Ayr (0292-45447), Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 2.

PHIL MORSMAN: Abstract paintings and paperworks based on landscapes altered by early primitive peoples.
Vortex Gallery, 139-141 Church Street, London N16 (01-254 6516), Mon-Sat 9.30am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm, free, until May 5.

TONY SCHERMAN: Paintings called The Comfort of Food by an American figurative artist.
The Mayor Gallery, 22A Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 3558), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until May 12.

ANISH KAPOOR: Recent sculptures.
Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson Street, London NW1 (01-724 2739), Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until May 7.

ROCK

☆ **LLOYD COLE AND THE COMMOTIONS:** The intelligent face of Eighties' pop.
Sheffield City Hall, Barkers Pool (0742 7228855), 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50.

★ **DEF LEPPARD:** Soft metal, *Spinal Tap* types, from Yorkshire.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, £7-£8, for two nights.

☆ **BARRY WHITE:** The overweight lover's in the house.
BIC, Exeter Road, Bournemouth (0202 297297), 7.30pm, £8.50-£11.50.

☆ **ALICE COOPER:** Ringmaster of rock's most maligned pantomime show.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775), 7.30pm, £9-£10, also tomorrow.

☆ **HAWKWIND:** Mellowing space-metal dopes.
Guildhall, Lancaster Road, Preston (0772 58858), 7.30pm, £5-£6.

JAZZ

☆ **ART BLAKEY:** Approaching 70, the drummer returns for a fortnight's stay with his Jazz Messengers, including trombonist Robin Eubanks and the exciting young pianist Benny Green.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **OLIVER JONES:** After years in a touring showband, the Canadian pianist splashed on to the jazz scene in 1980, earning comparisons with his compatriot Oscar Peterson and Art Tatum.
Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, Hants (0703 613989), 8pm, £6-£7.

☆ **ART FARMER:** The smooth American fluegelhorn player is probably best known for his collaborations with Jazz Messenger Benny Golson.
Ninety Six, 96 Castle Park, Cambridge (0223 324296), 8.30pm, £8.

STAN TRACEY: On the road with a quintet featuring saxophonists Alan Skidmore and Art Themen.
Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962), 8.30pm, £5.

☆ **BIG JOE DUSKIN:** The boogie-woogie master takes charge at the cabaret venue for the next five nights.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550), 9.15pm, £8.50.

WALKS

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Covent Garden tube, 10.30am, £3 (also next Mon).

GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: Meet Westminster tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Mon).

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Holborn tube, 2.00pm, £2.25.

THE HAUNTED WEST END: Meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: Meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3 (also next Mon).

OTHER EVENTS

GLOUCESTER FOLK FESTIVAL: Exhibition of local customs, legends, superstitions, sayings, and costumes. Also a variety of events – mummers, dancers, films and excursions – at various venues and times throughout *April. Tonight, The City of Gloucester* Mummers and Ladies' Morris dancers perform at Quedgeley from 6.30 to 8pm.
The Folk Museum, Gloucester (0452 26467). Exhibitions run until May, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, free.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR: Three days left to visit the fair where 120 top dealers are present.
National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (021 780 4141), today & Tues 11am-9pm, Wed 11am-6pm, £3, child £1.

NATURAL HISTORY EVENTS: A 30-minute film, *British Butterflies*, at 12 noon. The *Rio Mazan Project*, 2pm: Adrian Barnett gives an update of the Ecuadorian conservation where specialists and residents are working to save an area of forest rich in wildlife.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323), events free, museum admission £2, child 5-15 £1, under-fives free.

UNDERSTANDING THE LIVING ARCTIC: "Hands on" sessions – clothing, tools and everyday items – with museum staff. Also "Living Crafts *from the Canadian North*", an opportunity to meet and talk to five *indigenous Indians from Quebec who* have been making snowshoes and a canoe during the exhibition.
Museum of Mankind, Burlington *Gardens, London W1* (01-437 2224). "Living Crafts" today only. "Hands On" until April 21, Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon, 1-4.30pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

AUSTRALIAN BALLET: Two-week season in bicentennial Australian to the World programme, with royal gala performance of the London première of Maina Gielgud's *The Sleeping Beauty;* London premières of *Beyond Twelve, Gallery, Sonata for Seven*, and Glen Tetley's *Orpheus;* performances of *Forgotten Land, Suite en blanc,* and Maurice Bejart's *Gaite Parisienne.* Also Sydney Dance Company in works by Australian choreographer Graeme Murphy. July 26-Aug 6.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911), postal booking from today, personal/phone from May 2.

MARCEL MAREAU: London season by mime artist, with Boddan Nowak, Scott Malcolm and Jean-Luc Galmiche. Aug 16-Sep 3.
Sadler's Wells, Roseberry Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), postal *booking from today, personal/phone* from April 25.

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Summer season includes premieres of *Cruel Garden*, based on Spanish writer Fredrico Garcia Lorca, Balanchine's *Apollo*, and Christopher Bruce's *Swansong.* Also Paul Taylor's *Aureole*, Maurice Bejart's *Song of a Wayfarer*, Bruce's *The Dream is Over*, Ailey's *Night Creature*, and Petit's *L'Arlesienne.* May 24-June 4.
Sadler's Wells, Roseberry avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), phone/personal booking opens today.

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond Prize draw are: £100,000, 24CT 783378 (the winner lives in Oxfordshire); £50,000, 9EZ 936008 (Essex); £25,000, 23CK 399815 (Berkshire).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Penny Osborn; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING
Answers from page 18

HORNER
(c) *Henry VI, Part 2:* Horner is the honest master accused of treason by his apprentice Peter, because "when I did correct him for his fault the other day, he did vow upon his knees that he would be even with me".

MARGARELON
(a) In *Troilus and Cressida* Priam's son meets Thersites on the battlefield and shouts: "Turn, slave, and fight." Thersites refuses on the plausible grounds that he too is a bastard.

BELARIUS
(a) The loyal lord banished by Cymbeline 20 years before the play begins; his pseudonym in the wild Welsh maquis is Morgan; he is a decent foster-father to Guiderius and Arviragus: "Indeed a banish'd man; I know not how a traitor."

BARBARY
(c) "Bouncing Barbary", one of the dancing, giggling, flirting, but non-speaking country-women in *The Two Noble Kinsmen*, who include little Luce with the white legs, and freckled Nell that never failed her master.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 01-638 8891 Ton't 7.45 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Michael Tilson Thomas (cond) Stephen Hough (piano)

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Tomor 7.30 Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci. Wed 7.00 The Magic Flute.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066/1911. Stdby Info 01 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 8.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Salome. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Bayadère / Symphonic Variations/'Still Life' at the Penguin Cafe. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE Eves 7.30 pm Sat Mat 2.30pm. From 19-26 Apr Prog 1: A SIMPLE MAN. From 28-30 Apr Prog 2: COPPELIA.

THEATRES

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.35** Edgar Kennedy in *Art in the Raw* (b/w). **6.55** Weather. **7.00** **Breakfast Time** with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. *Includes national and international news* at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by **Come Midnight Monday.** Episode six of the seven-part children's drama serial from Australia **9.35** *Why Don't You. . ?* Entertaining diversions for children **10.00** News and weather followed by **The Littlest Hobo** (r). **10.25** **Children's BBC.** Simon Parkin with programme news and *birthday greetings* followed by **Play School** (r), and **Gran** narrated by Petricia Hayes (r). **10.55** **Five to Eleven.** Steven Pacey with a reading **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air **12.00** News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** *Magazine series* **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30** **Neighbours.** Madge and Ray argue over their respective children's misuse of alcohol; *and Lucy, fretting over Ruth's* return to England, wangles a day off school with disastrous results. **1.50** **Ironside.** With Eve near death her colleagues recall the circumstances when the society girl joined the police force (r). **2.40** **The People's Court.** The first of a new eight-programme series in which retired Judge Joseph A. Wapner presides over private legal cases in front of the television cameras, beginning with *a man suing his travel agent* over the alleged non-issue of a visa. **3.00** **Watchdog.** Consumer affairs series **3.25** **Bellamy's Seaside Safari** (r). **3.50** **Scratchand His Tea-Time Telly** (r). **4.10** **Heathcliff with Cats and Co.** A new cartoon series **4.30** **Drokis.** (Ceefax) **4.55** **Newsround** **5.05** **Blue Peter.** *Mark Curry reports from the* mammoth exhibition at the Aerospace Museum, RAF Cosford (Ceefax) **5.35** **Neighbours** (r). **6.00** **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** **London Plus.** **7.00** **Wogan.** The guests include Judge Joseph A. Wapner and Tommy Docherty. **7.35** **Watchdog.** Consumer affairs *programme* presented by John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood (shown at 3.00pm). **8.00** **Don't Wait Up.** Comedy series starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son doctors — both with marital troubles (r). (Ceefax) **8.30** **The Russ Abbot Show** with Les Dennis, Bella Emberg and Maggie Moon (r). (Ceefax) **9.00** *Nine O'Clock News with* Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather. **9.30** **Panorama: Charles, Prince of Conscience.** A report by Fred Emery on the Prince of Wales at work. **10.10** **Black and White.** The first of a series of five programmes following the fortunes of journalists Tim Marshall and Geoff Small, one black the other white, who spent two months in Bristol to find out how serious a problem is racial prejudice in this country. **10.40** **Film 88.** Among the films reviewed by Barry Norman are *The Unbearable Lightness of Being, Bellman and True* and *Death Wish 4.* **11.10** **Business Matters** reports from Denmark on Claus Moller's *unorthodox approach to* management training. **11.35** Weather.

BBC2

6.55 **Open University:** Maths — 'Real' Exponential Functions. Ends at **7.20.** **9.00** **Ceefax.** **1.20** **Pigeon Street** (r). **1.35** **Bugs Bunny** cartoon **1.45** **King of the Rocket Men** (b/w). Episode eight of the 12-part cliffhanger serial. **2.00** **Songs of Praise** from the Pavilions in Birmingham. With 1,500 young Christians, Crosstalk and the Handsworth Mass Choir (r). (Ceefax) **2.35** **Look, Stranger.** A portrait of Londoner Peter Springall who keeps 40 stocks of bees (r). **3.00** **News** and weather followed by **Olga Goes to Hollywood.** A *40 Minutes* documentary. Olga Serova and her husband Zhenya, both actors, are both convinced they will not see their *homeland Russia again after* defecting to the West. They have ended up in Hollywood where the reality has not matched the dream and Zhenya can only make a living as a Los Angeles taxi driver (r) **3.45** **Noticeboard.** Rob Curling with details of radio and television programmes; Marian Foster with news of the Daytime Club. **3.50** *News, regional news* and weather. **4.00** **The Royal Visit.** A look behind the scenes at the preparations for *a two hour visit by the Queen* to Ryde on the Isle of Wight in connection with the Australian Bicentennial celebrations (first shown on BBC South). **4.30** **Junior Darts** presented by Tony Gubba. Sixteen young darts players aged between 14 and 17 years battle for the Haywards Pickles British Youth Championship. This afternoon features three first round games. The commentators at the Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green, Surrey, are *Sid Waddell and Tony Green* **5.05** **My Music.** Lighthearted music quiz set and presented by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, Denis Norden, Ian Wallace and John Amis (r). **5.30** **Tomorrow's World** includes a report from the British Museum on how Victorian books are being saved from disintegration (r).



John Wayne starring in his last film The Shootist (BBC2, 9pm)

6.00 **Film: Trial by Combat** (1976) starring John Mills, Donald Pleasence and Peter Cushing. A secret society, founded to perpetuate the pageantry of the Middle Ages, falls under the control of the evil Sir Giles Marley who re-dedicates the society's aims to the ritual execution of criminals who have escaped the clutches of the law. Directed by Kevin Connor. **7.25** **Gorilla, Gorilla.** An award-winning study of captive gorillas (r). **7.40** **Open Space: The Disability Disgrace.** On the day the new social security system comes *into operation, a programme* arguing that it will have a disastrous effect on the rights and living standards of the disabled. (Ceefax) **8.10** **Horizon: Easter Island — the Secrets.** (Ceefax) (see Choice) **9.00** **Film: The Shootist** (1976) starring John Wayne and James Stewart. Wayne's last film in which, ironically, he plays an ageing gunfighter, dying of cancer who decides his last days will not be wasted. Directed by Don Siegel. **10.35** *Newsnight includes a report by* Michael Heseltine on urban blight in the south-east **11.20** **Weather 11.25** Interval. **1.30** *Open University: Arts* Foundation Course. Ends **12.00.**

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6.00 TV-am includes, at **6.30** for an hour, **The Morning Show** presented by Richard Keys, with news, financial matters, sport, travel and weather bulletins. After Nine includes an item on growing up, with child psychotherapist David Pithers. **9.25** *Thames news.* **9.30** **Lucky Ladders.** Word game show presented by Lennie Bennett **10.00** **Santa Barbara** **10.25** *News headlines.* **10.30** **The Time. . .The Place. . .** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10** **Let's Pretend** to the tale of *The Old Umbrella* **11.25** **Thames news** headlines **11.30** **Stress4.** *The first of a new* series examining different sources of stress and methods of reducing its effects. Presented by Jane Madders **12.00** **The Sullivans. 12.30** **Quandaries.** Quiz show with Matthew Kelly. **1.00** **News at One** 1.20 **Thames news.** **1.30** **Film: Blackout** (1950, b/w) starring Maxwell Reid and Dinah Sheridan. *Thriller about a blind* man who goes to a wrong house and discovers a dead body — then he is struck on the head. Directed by Robert S. Baker. **3.00** **Social Insecurity.** Will the new social security system be better than the old — or worse? John Murray investigates **3.25** **Thames news** headlines **3.30** **The Young Doctors.** **4.00** **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for children **4.10** **The Moomins** (r). **4.20** **The Real Ghostbusters** **4.45** **City Tails.** Episode one of a *new three-part children's drama* serial starring Anton Rodgers, Alexai Sayle and Tony Robinson **5.15** **Winner Takes All.** The first of a *new family quiz series presented* by Geoffrey Wheeler. **5.45** **News** **6.00** **Thames news.** **6.30** **Reporting London** presented *by Liz Pike. An investigation into* the store cash-card boom and the mounting victims of debt. **7.00** **Nature Watch.** A new series *begins with the first of two* programmes about chimpanzees. (Oracle) **7.30** **Coronation Street.** Alan Bradley needs capital to develop his new career. (Oracle) **8.00** **All In Good Faith.** A new series *of the comedy starring* Richard Briers as a vicar going through a mid-life crisis. (Oracle) **8.30** **World in Action: Heartbreak Hotels.** A documentary about the bed and breakfast hotels that are making capital out of the homeless and the local councils. **9.00** **Boon.** This week the trouble-shooting hero finds himself in the *middle of a battle between* developers and an elderly lady who refuses to sell her property (r). (Oracle) **10.00** **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart **10.30** **Thames news.** **10.35** **Film: Badge of the Assassin** (1985) starring James Woods and Yaphet Kotto. A made-for-television thriller about an *investigation into two year old* murders of two New York policemen. Directed by Mel Damski. **12.15am** **I Spy.** Vintage espionage series. **1.10** **Sportsworld Extra.** Motorcycling, boxing and football action **2.00** **News** headlines followed by **Film: The Wedding Night** (1935, b/w) starring Gary Cooper. A New York author goes to the country to try and find inspiration among his foreign-born neighbours. Directed by King Vidor. **3.35** **The Twilight Zone: Night of the Meek.** A tale of the supernatural. **4.00** *News headlines followed by* Taxi. Comedy series. **4.30** **Starring the Actors.** A new series begins with the focus on *James Earl Jones.* **5.00** **ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 **Just 4 Fun.** **12.30** **Business Daily.** Financial and business news service presented *by Susannah Simons.* **1.00** **Sesame Street.** Learning series for pre-school children. Today's guest is jazz musician Wynton Marsalis. **2.00** *The Late Late Show. Dublin's* music and chat show presented by Gay Byrne. **3.00** **The West of the Imagination.** *The final programme of the series,* narrated by James Whitmore, tracing the history of the American Wild West through the eyes of artists, photographers and cinematographers. This afternoon's edition looks at the American West of this century with works by Thomas Hart Benton, Grant Wood, Fritz Scholder and the photographer Dorothea Lange. **4.00** **Mavis on 4.** Mavis Nicholson is in the picturesque Suffolk town of Lavenham where she meets *Dame Alix Meynell, who was born* in 1903 to an extremely feminist mother. After an unconventional childhood she joined the Civil Service where she was to become one of the first top women executives. Dame Alix talks about her personal and public lives and about her open, unconventional marriage to the poet Francis Meynell. **4.30** **Countdown.** The first of a new series of the words and numbers game, beginning with a contest between Brigette Legden of *Brightlingsea and Allan* Saldhana, a 10-year-old schoolboy from London. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster assisted in the dictionary corner by Clement Freud. **5.00** **The Munsters** (b/w). Vintage American comedy series about a ghoulish family starring Fred Gwynne and Yvonne de Carlo. **5.30** **The Beverly Hillbillies** (b/w). Granny Clampet reveals an ability to grow hair. Starring Buddy Ebsen, Max Baer and Irene Ryan. **6.00** *Low Tech. This final* programme of the series on inexpensive ways to build d-i-y furniture finds Rick Ball *brightening up a room with old* mirrors (r). **6.30** **Listening Eye.** This first of a new series of seven current affairs programmes for the *hard-of-* hearing examines the fact that many deaf clubs are run by management committees composed entirely of hearing people. This leads to decisions *sometimes being taken without* deaf members' approval. Not surprisingly, this has led to some deaf people deciding on an *all-deaf committee or at least a* mixed committee. **7.00** **Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and Nik Gowing. **7.50** **Comment** from Dr David Willings on the subject of health. Followed by **Weather.** **8.00** **Brookside.** The Canadian girls soak up the delights of Liverpool while Jonathan receives a visit from Laura's father. (Oracle) **8.30** **Kate & Allie.** American comedy series starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as divorcées who decide to pool their resources *and face the challange of* single parenthood together. **9.00** **Revolution Revisited.** The first of a four-part documentary series *from Belgium examining the* upheavals of the late 1960's using archive material and interviews with surviving veterans of the radical movements of the time. Tonight Abbie Hoffman, founder of the Yippie movement looks back on an era of demonstrations, of Vietnam, Woodstock and the Civil Rights movement. Presented by Daniel Cohn-Bendit. **10.00** **Hill Street Blues.** Buntz is grilled by Internal Affairs over his fatal shooting of a fellow *officer; and Furillo makes a* decision over his mayoral bid. (Oracle) **11.00** **The Eleventh Hour: Freedom** *Square and Back of the Moon.* A documentary about the community of Sophiatown, a township near Johannesburg that was removed and dispersed in the 1950s. **12.00** **Film: The Patriot** (1979, colour and b/w) starring Hannelore Hoger. A satirical piece about a history teacher who is forever digging away at Germany's past. Directed by Alexander Kluge. Ends at **2.20am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **11.10** Welsh Cup semifinal, first leg **11.40** Business Matters **12.05am** Rugby Special (Lancs v Warks) **1.05** Weather **SCOTLAND: 10.30am-11.00** Seall Seo **5.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **11.35** Everyman **12.25am-12.30** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** News **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: 'My Cousin Rachel' **6.35-7.00** Keeping the Boat Afloat **10.35-1.10am** Film: Chinatown **3.35-4.00** Panic **4.30-5.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: 'Captain Eddie' **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Falcon Crest **11.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.55** America's Top Ten **12.25am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.00noon** Quandaries **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** News **1.30** Film: 'Floods of Fear' **3.00** Focus **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.00** News **5.35-7.00** Heart of the Country **10.35** Eco **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: 'Cause Mutiny' **2.30** Sportsweek **3.20** Special Squad **4.10-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.00noon** Spice of Life **12.30pm-1.00** Arcade **1.20** News **1.30** Film: Information Received **3.00-3.30** Quandaries **5.00** Channel Report **5.30-7.00** Paul Cola Show **10.35** Film: Porky's **12.20am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **1.20** Spy **2.20** This Sporting Summer **2.50** Company. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.30pm** Granada Reports **1.39pm** Film: 'Passionate Summer' **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** In Loving Memory **10.30** Under Fire **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: 'Cane Mutiny' **2.20am** Sportsweek **3.20** European Top 40 **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Biggest Bank Robbery **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Royal Forest of Dean **11.05** Film: Marseilles Contract **12.45am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.35** A Week in the Life of... **11.35-12.35am** Double Take.

TSW As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Country Practice **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Film: 'Housebound' **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Wild About the West **10.35** A Season of Folk **11.05** Film: 'Marseilles Contract' **12.45am** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.00noon** Spice of Life **12.30pm-1.00** Arcade **1.20** News **1.30** Film: 'The Beachcomber' **3.00-3.30** Quandaries **5.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Challenge of the South **10.35** Film: Porky's **12.20am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **1.20** Spy **2.20** This Sporting Summer **2.50** Company.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: 'Titanic' **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** Inquisition **11.05** Police Precinct **12.00** Epilogue **12.05am-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newsline **1.30** Film: 'The Mountains' **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Ulster Way **10.35** Medicine Matters **11.05** Carson's Law **12.00** Movie Makers **12.25am** Newsline, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** 9 to 5 **1.20** News **1.30** Film: 'Royal Flash' **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-7.00** Calendar **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Bast and Marsh...The Perfect Match **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **10.30am** Film: 'Tawny Pipit' **12.00** Just 4 Fun **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Late Late Show **3.00** Film: 'Invisible Woman' **4.15** Lluniau Dydd Llun **4.30** Tu Hwnt I'r Lloer **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies' **5.30** Mavis on 4 **6.00** Land of Hope **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arolwg **8.00** Teulu'r Mans **8.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.05** Equinox **10.05** Opera **12.05am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **3.00pm** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Dempsey's Den **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Smurfs **5.05** Baldebeag **5.15** Littlest Hobo **5.45** News **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Red Serge **6.55** Evening Extra **7.25** Give Us a Chance **7.55** Soon **9.00** News **9.30** Miami Vice **10.35** Hanly's People **10.55** Amen **11.25** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: **3.05pm** Emmerdale Farm **5.30** The English House **6.00** Kids of Degrassi Street **6.30** A Country Practice **7.00** Mr Belvedere **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** Sull Thart **8.30** Film: 'Last Day of Frank and Jesse James' **10.10** Masterworks **10.30** Newsnight **10.50** Durrell in Russia **11.20** Nightlight, Closedown.



A Pacific puzzle: who built these giant statues and why? (Horizon: Easter Island — The Secrets: BBC2, 8.10pm)

The stony-faced survivors

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Since Western man began to be curious about Easter Island 250 years ago, the mystery of the great, brooding and now so familiar stone heads has tended to deepen rather than to clarify. And the *theories as to how they were* hewn from the solid rock and erected, and by who, have been as spectacular and as thick on the ground as the statues themselves, nearly 750 of them, some still partly completed in the rock itself, where the carving abruptly ended. The full might of *Western science, covering* 22 disciplines, has been concentrated on the problem and 3,000 references published. Many a PhD has had its foundations on this triangular piece of volcanic rock, measuring only 14 miles by seven. *Horizon's* **Easter Island — The Secrets** (BBC2, 8.10pm), part *two next week, has made an* absorbing record of painstaking measurements and sketches, traces of early settlements and thousands of carvings featuring strange birdmen. It finds, for example, that the statues got bigger as time passed, with one extraor*dinary 70ft specimen weighing* 200 tons. And it goes to Wyoming where Professor Charlie Love employs a team of perspiring hands to haul along a replica statue to prove they were dragged to their sites erect. There are weird theories about how the statues got there: electro-magnetic forces, *carved by shipwrecked* Spanish sailors, shaped by volcanoes (how?) and ancient astronauts amusing themselves. Twice a week planeloads of tourists fly in, snap the heads and scratch their own in an effort to puzzle it all out. The islanders entertain the visitors with culture and tradition borrowed from other Pacific islands. Here at home, more questions, and perhaps a few answers, next week.

Ken Gosling

Earthy sentiments

RADIO CHOICE

● **Worshipping the Ground** (Radio 4, 8.15pm) may well be the only play ever written in which organic farming provides the possibility of a ending to an imposing romantic entanglement. And certainly no love story I have ever heard on radio has been rooted in an initial disagreement over the use of chemical *crop sprayers. The play is the* work of Stephen Bill and I must not give you the impression that all he cares about is how we are poisoning the land. At one point, the improbable lovers — married farm manager, 40, and a city girl half his age — drive through a riot-devastated *Handsworth where the girl* (Jayne Dowell) lets rip about the inequality of a divisive social system. And the man of the soil (Ian Hogg) rails against a malign fate that puts *him in the same category as* Christ, Thomas More and Tom Paine when it comes to the question of whether man has the power to decide his own destiny. This is a play of constant conflict, so it is entirely appropriate that the *early scenes should take place* close to the site of the Battle of Edgehill, and that the farm manager says in a moment of bleak introspection: "They said in the history books that Culloden was the end of tribalism. They obviously never lived here!"



Ian Hogg: railing against a malign fate (R4, 8.15pm)

Peter Davalle

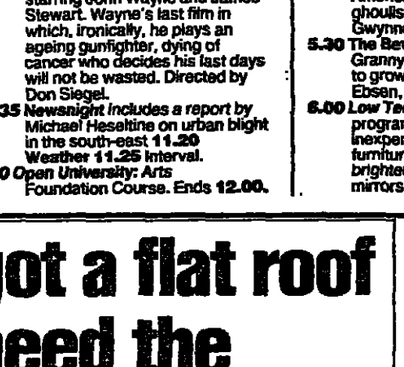
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Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** *Chris Stuart* **7.30** John Stalker **9.30** Rice and Flowers **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttleton **10.00** ABC Quiz **10.30** Cinema Scrapbook **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News **7.00** Morning Concert: Sibelius (Night-ride and Sunrise, Op 55: Philharmonia under Rattle); Ibert (Concertino da camera: Paris PO under *Rosenthal with Marcel Mule,* saxophone) **7.30** News **7.35** Concert contd: Bach (*Cantata No 211: Schweigt* stille, plaudert nicht: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood, with Emma Kirkby, soprano, Rogers Covey-Crump, tenor, and David Thomas, bass); Massenet (Valse folle: Aldo Ciccolini, piano); Sorabji (Pastiche: Chopin's Waltz, Op 64 No 1: Michael Habermann, piano); Glazunov (Raymonda Act 2: SNO under Järvi) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week: Clementi (1752-1832) and Hummel (1778-1837). Keyboard works played on period instruments including Clementi (Toccata in B flat, Op 11: Melvyn Tan, fortepiano) and (Sonatina in G, Op 36 No 3: Richard Burnett, square piano); and *Hummel (Sonata in E flat,* Op 5 No 3: Ralph Holmes, violin, and Richard Burnett, fortepiano) and (Fantasy in G minor: Württemberg CO under Faerber with Ernst Wallfisch, viola) (r) **9.35** Beecham Conducts Delius: Recording of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performing Florida Suite **10.15** Cello and Piano: Stefan Popov and Allan Schiller perform Ireland's Sonata (1923) and Falla's Suite popular espagnole (r) **10.50** Harmoniemusik: Music Serenade perform Krommer's Partita in E flat, J C Bach's Sinfonia No 4 in B flat, and Beethoven's Sextet, Op 71 **11.35** BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: *Richard Rodney* Bennett's Symphony No 3, and Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2 in E minor **1.00** News **1.05** BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. John Bingham, piano, plays Szymanowski's *Métopes* and Chopin's Sonata No 3 *in B minor,* Op 58 **2.00** Music Weekly (r) **2.45** Karajan Conducts the Philharmonia (new series): *Mozart's Symphony No 35* in D (K385), Brahms's Variations on the St Anthony Chorale, and *Tchaikovsky's Symphony* No 5 in E minor, Op 64



Conductor Herbert von Karajan (R3, 2.45pm)

4.15 Schumann and Fauré: Michael George, baritone, and Antony Saunders, piano, perform Schumann's Liederkreis, Op 24, and *Fauré's La Bonne Chanson,* Op 61 (r) **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure: with Michael Berkeley **6.00** Music for Organ: First of three recitals from St Marylebone Parish Church played by Jacques Van Oortmerssen **7.00** News **7.05** Third Ear: Julian Spalding chairs a discussion about *the visual arts* **7.30** Early and Late Lutyens: City of London Sinfonia, under Hickox, with Peter Lawson, piano, perform *Chorale for* Orchestra, Hommage à Stravinsky, Op 36 (1956), and Nox, Op 118 (1977) (r) **7.50** Matthew Arnold (new series): Laurence Lerner, poet and professor of English Literature at Vanderbilt University, reassesses the Victorian poet **8.10** Salisbury Festival (Part one): *Philharmonia Orchestra* under Armstrong, with Faith Wilson, contralto, and Jeffrey Lawton, tenor, perform Beethoven's Symphony No 6 in F (Pastoral) **8.55** Words (r) **9.00** Salisbury Festival (Part two): Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde **10.05** Ian Brown: The pianist plays Mozart's Sonata in F (K 533/494), Simon Holt's Tauromaquia and Debussy's *Images: Series 1* **11.00** Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky (1840-93). Overture: 1812: Suite No 1 in D (r) **12.00** News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing; Weather* **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day: with Michael Harding (s) **6.30** *Today incl* **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4: previews of the week's programmes with David Symonds **8.42** Phil Smith: visits the BBC Sound Archives **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Start the Week: presented by Alan Whicker, whose guests are David Dimbleby, and playwrights Howard Benton and Neil Dunn (s) **10.00** News; Money Box — A Question of Money: Louise Botting, Vincent Duggleby, Christopher Gilchrist and Nick Goulding visit Bournemouth to answer listeners' questions about *personal finance* (r) **10.30** Tales of Innocence and Experience: The Children of Grupp by Penelope Lively. Read by Roger Rees **10.45** Daily Service from Cardiff **11.00** News; Travel; Down the River: Cliff Morgan travels the River Waveney in Suffolk meeting the people who live and work along its banks, and visiting the *towns of Diss, Bungay and* Beccles (s) (r) **11.50** Poetry Please!: Poetry requests presented by Kit *Wright. Read by Elizabeth* Proud and Anthony Hyde (s) **12.00** News; You and Yours: consumer advice and news with Susan Rae includes items on a bad breath meter, and sitter services **12.25** Brain of Britain 1988 (new series): Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general-knowledge quiz played this week by contestants from London **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One: presented by Brian Widlake **1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: presented by Jenni Murray, includes features on the artist Gwen Jones, the psychology of names, how to get the right nanny for your child, and Lupus (an immune deficiency) **3.00** News: The Slip: Play by P Carroll and B Wasserman. *With Bill Nighy (s) (r)* **4.30** Kaleidoscope: Sonia Beesley presents a profile of the American soprano *Maria Ewing who made her* debut at the Royal Opera House last week in Strauss's Salome (r) **5.00** PM: presented by Gordon Clough and Valerie Singleton **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report **6.30** Unnatural Acts: Sitcom starring Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies and Caroline Leddy. The frantic foursome go on safari (s) (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** The Food Programme: presented by Derek Cooper, reports on fats and oils (r) **7.45** Science on 4: Peter Evans reports on the latest discoveries and developments in science, *medicine and technology* (r) **8.15** Worshipping the Ground: Play by Stephen Bill. With Ian Hogg and Jayne Dowell (s) (see Choice) **9.45** Kaleidoscope: with reviews of Primo Levi's book *The Drowned and the Saved, and The Big Pictures* at Dundee Repertory (including an interview with the writer Liz Lochhead) and of *Salome at the Royal Opera* House (including interviews with director Peter Hall and conductor Christoph von *Dohananyi); plus a report on* classical record labels **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: A Clergyman's Daughter by George Orwell. Read by George Baker (1 of 10) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **11.45** The Quiet Pipers: Richard Kelly traces the revival of interest in the ancient Northumbrian small pipes, more domestic and *mellifluous than the better-* known Scottish bagpipes (r) **12.00** News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FM as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (cont) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum **11.50** Hume's The Enquiry

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9. **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

Top scientist attacks cuts in spending on research

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Britain's centuries old tradition of scientific discovery is being deliberately sacrificed by the Government for the sake of short-term profit, Professor Sir George Porter, President of the Royal Society, said last night.

He accused ministers and politicians of all parties of backing science "with the enthusiasm of an atheist supporting the church".

Sir George, the head of Britain's senior learned body, said if the present attitude to basic science continued "we shall lose many of our most capable young scientists to other countries or to more trivial pursuits".

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The Prime Minister was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1983, after vocal opposition from some eminent scientists.

Sir George, a Nobel Prize winner, who was delivering the Richard Dimbleby Lecture at the Royal Institution in London, said it would be premature to read an obituary on British science.

However, he said: "How has it come about that, at the height of our scientific prowess, when science is the jewel in our national crown, its future seems so uncertain?

"In this perceived hour of need, scientists are being drafted into the short-term exploitation of science, even if it means that ultimately we shall have no science to exploit.

"For over three centuries Britain played a leading role in the scientific revolution that changed our lives. The revolution will continue, but we shall not be part of it if, by pursuing only short-term goals, we forfeit the science base that makes it all possible."

He recalled how during the last war Britain's very survival depended on those who discovered and developed radar, the jet engine, the mathematics of code breaking and penicillin.

But now there seemed to be "a deliberate policy of downgrading the pursuit of knowledge in deference to the pursuit of affluence."

It would be more tolerable if politicians, while looking after the nation's finances, recognized the importance of scientific enterprise.

Sir George said: "To say that it was paid lip service in the recent election manifestos of the main parties would be an exaggeration.

"While we hear frequent speeches emphasizing the importance of *exploiting* science, support for science itself is usually given with the enthusiasm of an atheist supporting the church."

The pursuit of scientific knowledge and understanding for their own sake was as essential as the application of that knowledge to useful purposes, he said. "We must stop agonizing about whether basic science is exploitable."

Government spending on civil science and technology was due to fall, in proportion to total Whitehall spending, in the years from from 1985 to 1990.

He said: "The minimum that is immediately needed is a positive gesture of support for the basic sciences by allotting 1 per cent of the Government civil and research and development spend, or £25 million, to fund the top quarter of those individuals whose applications for equipment have been refused.

"In addition, £2 million is needed annually to provide small grants, of up to about £20,000 to individuals."

Kinnock in pledge to increase income tax

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provide for ballots before strikes.

Mr Kinnock was asked on London Weekend Television's *Weekend World* whether Labour would reintroduce the right to secondary strikes and picketing.

Mr Kinnock replied: "In order that people should effectively undertake strike action as the last resort on the basis of democratic decision making with the direct involvement of the membership, yes, — if there is a direct relationship between an economic activity of somebody other than the primary target of the dispute then there will be that opportunity".

On privatization Mr Kinnock said that it was essential that public utilities remained in public ownership. He said they had been "a disaster" in private hands and were being sold off for purely ideological reasons, not for the sake of efficiency.

Asked if that meant Labour would buy back the shares sold in them, he replied: "No. We're not going to buy back the shares. I'm not going to use up the enormous resources that would command when we've got an investment shortage".

On defence, Mr Kinnock reiterated his basic belief in a non-nuclear policy. "I want a non-nuclear strategy to be implemented". But Labour is making no decisions on the precise form of its defence policy for a year or so

Defiance by the hijackers as British victims relax at home



Two of the hijackers wearing hoods throw out of the Kuwaiti plane a slide chute which can be used for emergency escapes



Mr and Mrs Carew-James in Monmouth: "Storming the 747 is probably what should happen."



Mr Yarrow and Miss Khattyitep yesterday: "Our thoughts are with the people left on board".

Arab gang runs out of options

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and the Hezbollah (Party of god) during the siege of the Palestinian camps there by Shia militiamen of the Amal movement.

The hijackers are almost certain members of "Islamic Jihad" which has its roots within the pro-Iranian Hezbollah. While the hijackers undoubtedly represent on the most radical Shia movements in Lebanon, they can nonetheless speak with a common political voice with the PLO.

Throughout the day, the Kuwaiti 747 had stood just off the end of the main Larnaca runway, its emergency lights flashing but with no sign of the crew or passengers.

Among the radio messages that arrived at the control tower from the cockpit was one unexplained question; a hijacker asked why a broadcast — which he did not specify — had not been played over Cyprus radio. Just a few minutes later, the Cypriot radio station read an appeal from the Cyprus Government seeking an assurance that the gunmen would not carry out their threat to harm any more of the passengers.

Sometime later, the mood altered substantially when one of the Kuwaiti aircraft crew said that if there was no response within 15 minutes to the hijackers' demand for fuel, the gunmen "are going to hurt passengers..." The threat, however, was apparently not carried out and there followed a period of more than a half an hour's silence from the jet.

Two PLO officials, including Mr Abdo, was still at Larnaca last night, apparently preparing for further talks with the hijackers. What was not clear was whether they or the Kuwaiti authorities — or indeed the Cypriots — had been making arrangements with the Syrians, the Kuwaitis or the Iranians for another flight plan for the jet.

● Lebanese Radio has carried reports that British forces might intervene in the hijacking (Reuter reports).

At one point yesterday one of the hijackers said:

"As far as (Margaret) Thatcher is concerned, we advise her not to be too much nosey in this case and to make a contract with a shelter for aged people to secure a quiet end to her bad life.

"We advise her we are not of the Malvinas (Falklands) island, an island without a population, and will send back her troops' corpses if they come."

● **LONDON:** Whitehall sources would neither confirm nor deny yesterday that the Government had received a request for assistance in the Kuwaiti aircraft hijack, but said it was in touch with both the Cypriot and Kuwaiti Governments (Andrew McEwen writes). Officials were quoted on Saturday as saying that the two governments had not asked for help, but no such comment was repeated yesterday.

Freed hostages say 'send in the SAS'

By Andrew Meger

British passengers freed from the hijacked Kuwaiti jet, who prayed for the Special Air Service or similar anti-terrorist squad to storm the plane, believe that the Prime Minister should give military assistance to end the ordeal of the hostages still in Cyprus.

Last night, as the hijackers renewed threats to "massacre" the Kuwaitis, whom the Britons had befriended, Mr Simon Pollock, aged 25, a computer programmer from Manchester, said: "While I was on the plane I was hoping that the SAS or perhaps the Israeli equivalent might carry out an operation like the one at Entebbe. It might end in bloodshed, but perhaps now is the time ...

"I would urge the authorities, Mrs Thatcher or whoever, to do something, to look of ways to get the remaining hostages off the plane."

But Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative prime minister, said that there would be future risks from any SAS involvement. British hostages had been freed because the hijackers had no interest in Britain, he said. "If we put the SAS in, the hijackers have an interest in the British, and future hijackers have an interest in the British."

Mr David Carew-Jones, who was held on board with his wife Susan, said: "I was convinced that the SAS were going to storm at some time during the night. Given that the demands of the hijackers are not going to be met, I think storming the 747 is most likely in the situation and probably what should happen."

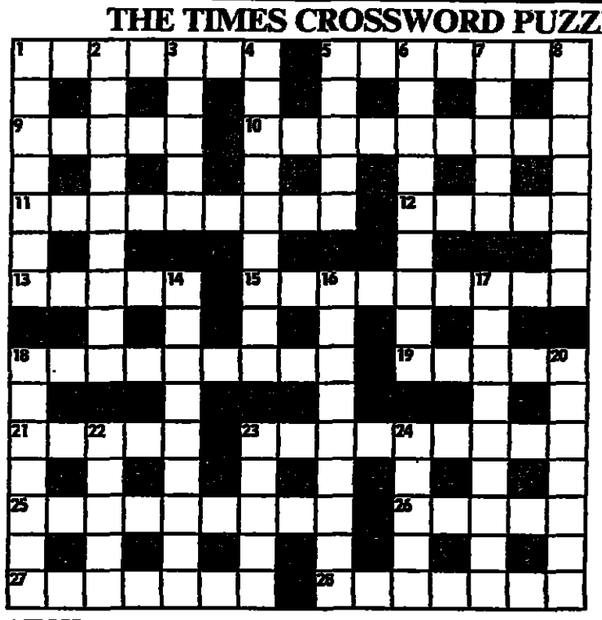
Like all the other Britons, Mr and Mrs Carew-Jones tried to return to normal lives at the weekend, but found their minds returning to the remaining hostages.

Mr Carew-Jones said: "The Kuwaitis showed extraordinary concern for the Europeans when in fact they were in greater danger.

During his ordeal, Mr Pollock established a friendship with a Kuwaiti businessman, a father of ten, who complained of chest pains. When an exhausted passenger was freed "as a gesture of goodwill" he was disappointed to discover it was not the same man.

The sentiment was shared by fellow hostages, Mr James Yarrow, aged 25, and his Thai fiancee, Miss Janya Khattyitep, aged 24. Mr Yarrow said: "Our thoughts are with the people left on board. We are shocked that they shot the guard."

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ACROSS

1 How to incur damnation, if Wellington had his way? (7).
5 Type of gas constricting tender chests (7).
9 The rope, possibly, for this composer! (5).
10 River so misused after soldiers find a source of water (9).
11 In which one may be caught between rounds (5-4).
12 You and I accommodate her? In what respect? (5).
13 Girl's claim to be a boy rejected (5).
15 Relate to a forward in physical distress (9).
18 Work included in series with a name like Polyphemus (9).
19 Moved along quietly in a waterlogged area (5).
21 One in Aberbrothok, perhaps, supervising his brothers (5).
23 A good deal of help, possibly, to one practising in this craft (9).
25 Male copper in mother's branch of the family (9).
26 Small number disinissed from distinguished board (5).
27 He's up for election — no direction about a deposit (7).
28 Citadel members shaken by such language (7).

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1 A water-fowl left on island in a hickory tree (7).
2 Composed pibrochs? I see (9).
3 Figures causing some panic on stock market (5).
4 Hasten, say, with stick, and give a powerful blow (9).
5 A way into church for this class (5).
6 Sack is effective in causing a burst of temper (9).
7 Abscond, and be cut off in Eire's borders (5).
8 Swell acting in the theatre? (7).
14 Reversal of policy concerning jobber's income (5-4).
16 Day in enclosure with aim of becoming correspondent (3-6).
17 A bad plate, if distorted, can be changed (9).
18 Two fellows who translated Homer? (7).
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23 Rise, say, for producing a literary tract (5).
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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

BARD PARTS
By Philip Howard

HORNER
a. Mariana's attendant
b. A goblin
c. An unlucky tradesman

MARGARELON
a. Priam's bastard son
b. One of Oberon's elves
c. Cleopatra's eunuch

BELARIUS
a. A Morgan
b. An officer of Coriolanus
c. A soothsayer

BARBARY
a. Hotspur's horse
b. Desdemona's silent maid
c. A dancing wench

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,639 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will stay dry. Southern districts will be warm after a chilly start. Parts of the north will be cloudier, perhaps with a little rain. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be more generally cloudy, with some rain in places. The far north of mainland Scotland and the northern isles will stay cold with wintry showers. Outlook: rain in northern Scotland, fine and warmer elsewhere.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	s	Madrid	15	59	f
Alcntkl	25	77	s	Majorca	19	66	f
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Malaga	18	64	s
Algiers	18	64	c	Malta	24	75	s
Amst'dm	8	46	s	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Athens	21	70	s	Milan	17	63	f
Bahrain	27	81	s	Moscow	6	43	f
Barcelna	13	55	c	Munich	5	41	c
Belgrade	10	50	r	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	6	43	f	Naples	18	64	s
Biarritz	15	59	f	N Delhi	35	95	s
Borde'x	16	61	f	Nice	16	61	s
Brussels	9	48	s	Oslo	1	34	sn
Budapst	7	45	c	Paris	9	48	s
Cairo	33	91	c	Peking	19	66	f
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Perth	23	73	f
C'blanca	17	63	s	Prague	7	45	f
Ch'church	9	48	c	Reykjvik	-4	25	f
Cologne	7	45	s	Rhodes	19	66	c
C'phagn	3	37	sl	Rio de J	23	73	c
Corfu	22	72	s	Riyadh	31	88	c
Dublin	11	52	c	Rome	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	16	61	c	Salzburg	6	43	f
Faro	16	61	s	Seoul	14	57	s
Florence	18	64	f	Stckhlm	4	39	s
Frankfurt	7	45	s	Strsbo'rg	9	48	c
Funchal	20	68	f	Sydney	17	63	c
Geneva	9	48	f	Tangier	18	64	s
Gibraltar	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Helsinki	3	37	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Hong K	19	66	c	Tokyo	13	55	c
Innsbrck	8	46	f	Tunis	26	79	s
Istanbul	20	68	s	Valencia	14	57	r
L Palmas	20	68	s	Venice	15	59	f
Le Touet	8	46	f	Vienna	7	45	s
Lisbon	16	61	c	Warsaw	5	41	c
Locarno	17	63	c	Wel'ton	10	50	f
Luxembg	6	43	s	Zurich	7	45	c

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.8	.07	5	41	sunny
Hunstanton	7.0	.17	6	43	sunny
Lowestoft	6.7	.05	7	45	sunny
Southend	*	.02	6	43	sleet
Margate	2.1	.04	6	43	rain
Eastbourne	0.6	.01	7	45	snow
Brighton	0.3	.02	5	41	sleet
Sandown	-	.07	7	45	rain
Bournemth	-	.09	5	41	sleet
Weymouth	-	.01	5	41	drizzle
Torquay	0.2	.01	8	46	drizzle
Penzance	0.6	-	12	54	dull
Scilly Isles	0.5	-	11	52	dull
Jersey	2.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Guernsey	3.1	-	13	55	bright
Newquay	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Ilfracombe	*	-	5	41	cloudy
Minehead	0.2	.02	5	41	hail
Morecambe	9.0	.04	8	46	sunny
Douglas	*	.04	7	45	bright
Carlisle	5.0	-	7	45	bright
Nottingham	3.0	.17	6	43	bright
Anglesey	8.1	-	9	48	sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.5	.05	*	*	sunny
Tenby	1.6	-	7	45	cloudy
Aberdeen	7.5	.02	7	45	sunny
Aviemore	4.6	-	6	43	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.5	-	5	41	bright
Kinloss	4.2	-	7	45	sunny
Lerwick	5.3	.14	3	37	snow
Prestwick	5.3	-	8	46	bright
Stornoway	2.3	.02	5	41	rain
Tiree	6.9	-	7	45	sunny
Wick	3.1	.01	5	41	snow

* Denotes figures not available
These are Saturday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.20	5.8	9.49	5.6
Aberdeen	9.11	3.3	10.28	3.5
Avonmouth	2.20	9.7	3.04	9.8
Belfast	6.40	2.9	7.49	2.8
Cardiff	2.05	9.1	2.49	9.2
Devonport	12.58	4.4	2.02	4.2
Dover	6.47	5.1	7.39	5.2
Falmouth	12.28	4.2	1.32	4.0
Glasgow	7.34	4.2	8.54	4.0
Harwich	7.10	3.2	7.36	3.0
Holyhead	6.12	4.5	7.18	4.4
Hull	1.48	5.7	2.12	5.7
Ilfracombe	1.18	6.8	2.13	6.7
Leith	10.33	4.4	11.36	4.5
Liverpool	6.57	7.4	7.53	7.4
Lowestoft	5.34	2.0	5.17	2.0
Margate	7.36	3.9	8.10	3.9
Milford Haven	1.36	5.3	2.30	5.1
Newquay	12.36	5.4	1.30	5.2
Oban	2.23	2.9	3.20	2.7
Penzance	12.18	4.4	1.18	4.2
Portland	1.44	1.4	9.11	1.3
Portsmouth	7.03	3.6	9.10	3.6
Shoreham	6.50	4.8	7.54	5.1
Southampton	6.42	3.7	7.51	3.8
Swansea	1.46	7.2	2.34	7.0
Tees	11.45	4.2	--	--
W'ton-on-Nze	7.11	3.4	7.39	3.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.515	2.475
Austria Sch	22.80	21.70
Belgium Fr	68.20	64.80
Canada $	2.425	2.305
Denmark Kr	12.43	11.83
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.44
France Fr	10.86	10.46
Germany Dm	3.245	3.085
Greece Dr	2.60	2.40
Hong Kong $	15.05	14.30
Ireland Pt	1.215	1.155
Italy Lira	24000	2290
Japan Yen	245	233
Netherlands Gld	3.63	3.46
Norway Kr	12.14	11.54
Portugal Esc	263.5	250.5
South Africa Rd	4.50	4.00
Spain Pta	214	203
Sweden Kr	11.47	10.92
Switzerland Fr	2.58	2.55
USA $	1.947	1.857
Yugoslavia Dnr	2340	2340

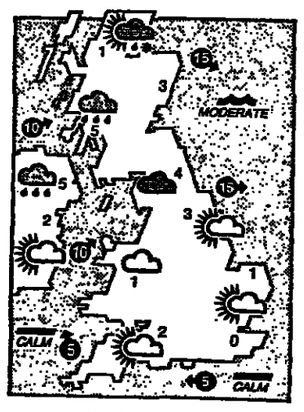
Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.7 (February)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 14.0 at 1413.4.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 28.02 at 2080.19.

AM



PM



HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Shawbury, Shropshire, 0.31in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 10.3hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Humidity: 6 pm, 39 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.9hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1020.8 millibars, falling.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 47 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.15in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.8 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.21 pm to 5.41 am
Bristol 8.31 pm to 5.51 am
Edinburgh 8.42 pm to 5.45 am
Manchester 8.33 pm to 5.46 am
Penzance 8.40 pm to 6.05 am

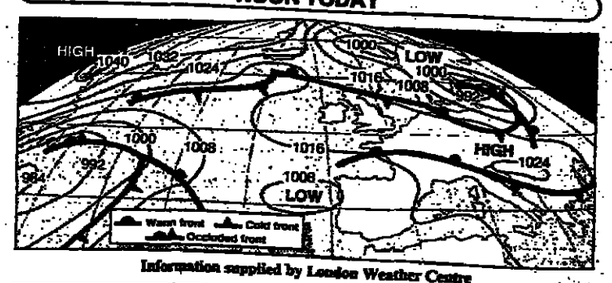
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	c	Guernsey	7	45	s
B'mingham	11	52	s	Inverness	9	48	r
Blackpool	8	46	c	Jersey	10	50	s
Bristol	9	48	s	London	11	52	s
Cardiff	10	50	s	M'chester	10	50	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	11	52	c	R'midway	10	50	c

Sun rises: 6.13 am
Sun sets: 7.51 pm
Moon rises 4.32 am
Moon sets 1.03 pm
New Moon April 16

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)
FT 30 Share
1413.4 (+26.7)
FT-SE 100
1779.7 (+37.2)
Bargains
31521 (35548)
USM (Datastream)
145.26 (+0.76)

THE POUND
(Change on week)
US dollar
1.8765 (-0.0090)
W German mark
3.1384 (+0.0160)
Trade-weighted
78.3 (+0.2)

G7 to pledge dollar action

Ministers will underline importance of stability

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Group of Seven finance ministers and central bankers, meeting in Washington on Wednesday, will commit themselves to action to stabilize the dollar through what could be a stormy period ahead of the US presidential election.

The G7 countries — the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan, France, Italy and Canada — will reaffirm their December 23 statement which pledged action against either a further fall or a significant rise in the dollar's value.

With the exception of the Bank of Japan, finance ministry and central bank officials in the G7 capitals have been coy about admitting to target ranges for the dollar against the leading currencies.

But the markets have discerned ranges of Y120 to Y130 for the yen against the dollar and DM1.60 to DM1.70 for the mark-dollar rate. On Friday, the dollar closed at Y125.55 and DM1.6725.

The G7 meeting will be followed by the publication of the February US trade figures on Thursday. Expectations are for a narrowing of the trade deficit from $12.4 billion (£6.6 billion) in January, to about $11.5 billion.

But there are still worries in the foreign exchange markets about the pace of growth of demand in the US, and the fact that the deficit is coming down only slowly.

Economic forecasters from the countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, meeting in Paris last week, were presented with OECD forecasts that suggested payments imbalances would narrow further in the short term.

But the OECD, like the International Monetary Fund, is gloomy about medium-term prospects for the US trade deficit and the Japanese and German surpluses.

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The dollar was firmer at the end of last week, after the Fed funds rate rose to 6¾ per cent.

The dollar also gained ground from the stronger showing of Mr Michael Dukakis, the Massachusetts governor, in the Democratic race for the presidential nomination.

Even so, further dollar volatility is expected in the seven-month run-up to the presidential election, with widespread market expectations of a further dollar drop to Y110 and DM1.55 or below.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, has been keen to avoid financial market volatility before the election, in which he is actively supporting the candidacy of Mr George Bush.

There are fears that the Fed will be constrained in action to defend the dollar through higher interest rates, and the presidential candidates of both parties have given little indication of how they will act to reduce the budget deficit.

The reduction by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, in Britain's base rates from 8½ to 8 per cent last Friday was seen as related to this week's G7 meeting.

"It is best viewed in an exchange rate context," said Mr Bill Martin, an economist at Phillips & Drew. "We have seen an outbreak of co-ordination."

As well as the firming of US money market rates, there was a slight easing of West German rates on Friday. The Bank of Japan has been intervening in support of the dollar and the Bank of England called on the assistance of both the Bundesbank and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in holding sterling down last week.

The G7 finance ministers will be seeking to avoid a repetition of the row between the US and Germany that helped to spark off the October 19 stock market crash.

US NOTEBOOK

Confusion reigns at Federal Reserve

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The central banks are nervous about this Thursday's US trade figures and in the run-up to the G7 meeting, in Washington, are doing their best to put a brave face on the US dollar.

The Federal Reserve's policy aims are confused and its leadership divided. This is not helped by uncertainty about the trend of the US economy.

Actions seemingly designed to ward-off another run on the dollar have been taken.

Preceding the Bank of England's decision to cut the British base lending rate on Friday, the Federal Reserve further intensified the monetary tightening it had engineered in February and March.

This tightening came after a disastrous mistake in January when the US system was flooded with cash and when the Monetary Base had been boosted to an annual gross rate of 20 per cent.

The Fed may have been Bush-wacked by the White House in to this error — the blunder that began the recent slide of the dollar.

In January the central banks conducted a successful attack on the dollar bears, catching all short dollar positions and inflicting pain on those found short of dollars.

Source of stress

But in a bizarre policy twist, all this advantage was thrown away by the Fed in its further cash flooding of January.

The leaders in the Fed are confused and divided over their policy aims and priorities. They are trying to keep the US economy expanding while fighting off a persistent tendency for the currency markets to want to stay short of dollars.

This is a continuing source of stress on all aspects of US policy as the current account deficit is running at $140 billion (£74.62 million) to $150 billion a year, something that necessitates huge capital inflow.

The Fed also dreads a spread of the cancer of banks' bankruptcy out of Texas.

It also has friends of George Bush in the White House looking over its shoulders.

Currency crisis

In normal circumstances, the Fed's current policy of holding the growth rate of the Monetary Base to about 6 per cent to 7 per cent a year would be acceptable.

But today's circumstances are not normal, there is a currency crisis and there is confusion among American policy professionals about what is going on in the US economy.

The payroll employment numbers tell a story of vigorous expansion. But these numbers are badly flawed. Orders and sales figures tell a story of decelerating expansion. Retail sales have not changed since October.

There is dissention within the Fed on what is happening and this is coming out into the open. While Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman, says the economy is still expanding at a modest pace, Ms Martha Seger, his co-governor says the US economy has been contracting at an annual rate of more than 1 per cent a year in the first quarter.

The very worst case facing the Fed and the other central banks would be a bad trade deficit this Thursday (anything above $13 billion being bad) just after the G7 had attempted yet again to paper over the gapping cracks in the US financial armour.

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Framlington's future causes concern



Persuaders: Paul Loach (left) and Bob Seabrook must convince Throgmorton shareholders (Photograph: James Morgan)

Fears of deadlock at fund manager

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

Fears are growing in the City that the boardroom dispute over the future of Framlington Group could reach an impasse, with neither side able to present a solution acceptable to City institutions.

Throgmorton Trust posted its £67 million offer for the whole of Framlington late last week. Throgmorton Trust is managed by Throgmorton Investment Management Services, a subsidiary of Framlington, whose directors form the minority on the Framlington board, led by Mr Bob Seabrook, the deputy chairman.

The offer of 192p per share is seen as fair by leading City analysts, given the sharp fall in the stock market values of fund management companies since October. But Mr Seabrook and Mr Paul Loach, who also sit on the trust board, will have to convince Throgmorton's own shareholders of the virtue of investing a fifth of their enlarged gross assets in fund management.

They could also face defections by managers loyal to Framlington's chairman, Mr Bill Stuttaford, and Mr Tim Miller, the managing director

This week Throgmorton directors are to meet the Prudential, Throgmorton's biggest shareholder with a 12.5 per cent stake. Its judgement is likely to prove crucial.

The timetable started by the formal offer has given the majority Framlington faction about a fortnight to come up with an alternative bid. They have already taken months searching for a new partner to replace the French bank CCF.

Framlington, and its advisers Phoenix Securities and Morgan Grenfell, are still in talks with several possible suitors. The Phoenix proposals involve hiving off TIMS separately.

Throgmorton Trust and two other investment trusts managed by TIMS have the right to cancel their contracts without compensation on a change of control of Framlington. These trusts account for £400 million of more than £600 million managed by TIMS out of a group total of £1.5 billion.

Merged County NatWest targets European market

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

County NatWest, the investment bank, today completes the reorganization of its securities operation following the merger with Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroking firm it bought from Hill Samuel last year.

The merged company is to be called County NatWest WoodMac and is headed by Mr John Chiene who was chairman of WoodMac before the merger. Mr Chiene said that the merger had produced a fair balance between the two companies.

After about 150 redundancies and resignations, the new company has about 700 staff split equally between County and Wood Mackenzie employees. All staff except the corporate finance team have now moved into Drapers Gardens, County's Throgmorton Avenue headquarters in the City.

Mr Chiene said the business strength of the two firms was complementary, with only a small overlap between them.

The merged firm is building on its strength in equity research, one of the strong points of the old WoodMac company. This is being extended more into international stocks, particularly in Europe where the company sees opportunities for development.

"It is our intention to establish County NatWest WoodMac as a major European trading house by 1992," Mr Chiene said. The company analysts now monitored all the leading European markets, he added.

Market-making operations have been strengthened, with continued emphasis on smaller companies and Unlisted Securities Market stocks.

The sales force has been expanded to give a stronger link between market-making activites and clients. A European sales team is also being developed.

There will be a continued commitment to futures and options business which caused County serious problems and heavy losses at the time of the market crash because of inadequate management controls.

County paid nearly £35 million for WoodMac when it was put on the market by the TSB Group after the purchase of Hill Samuel, the merchant bank.

News Corp wins go-ahead

Canberra (AP-Dow Jones) — The Australian government yesterday cleared the way for The News Corporation, headed by Mr Rupert Murdoch, to buy an additional stake in Reuters Holdings Plc, the international news and financial information service.

The Reuters stake is held through Australian Associated Press, which owns 13.9 million Reuters A-class shares and 220,606 B shares, equivalent to a 7.75 per cent voting stake.

Mr Paul Keating, the Australian treasurer, also approved The News Corporation's purchase of an additional 11.6 per cent of Australian Newsprint Mills Holdings from Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group. The transaction will boost The News Corporation's stake in the country's only newsprint concern to 50 per cent.

Both the proposed acquisitions required the treasurer's approval. Because Mr Murdoch changed his citzenship from Australian to American in 1985, The News Corporation is deemed to be a foreign company in Australia.

However, Reuters' articles of association prohibit any single entity from holding 15 per cent or more of either A or B-class shares. As the proposed acquisition of AAP's shares will boost The News Corporation's holding to about 23 per cent of A-class issued Reuters shares, it looks likely that The News Corporation will dispose of about 8 million A shares, while still controlling more than a 10 per cent voting stake in Reuters.

Home loans rate poised for reduction to 9.5% or lower

By Alison Eadie

The half a percentage point cut in bank base rates to 8 per cent, the lowest base rate for 10 years, looks certain to spark a new round of mortgage rate cuts to 9.5 per cent or lower.

Mr Mark Boleat, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said yesterday that extensive mortgage rate reductions had been clearly signalled by the base rate cut.

Some lenders dropped their rates below 10 per cent before Easter. The Halifax, Britain's biggest building society, cut its rate for new borrowers to 9.8 per cent at the end of March. It is now extending the benefit to existing borrowers, who will enjoy a rate of 9.8 per cent or less from May 1.

The Abbey National, the second biggest building society, is reviewing its rate of 10.1 per cent.

Given the fierce competition to lend money for homes, a spate of reductions can be expected in the coming weeks. At present most rates are in the 10 per cent to 10.3 per cent band. Cuts of about 0.5 per cent look most likely, with some of the smaller lenders expected to push the rate to as low as 9.25 per cent.

The high street banks are currently charging 10.25 per cent to 10.3 per cent, except for Lloyds, which has moved to a lower rate of 10 per cent.

Mortgage Express, owned by the Trustee Savings Bank, offers a rate of 9.75 per cent for new mortgages and 9.95 per cent for re-mortgages.

Some of the smaller lenders, keen to quickly expand their business, are offering the keenest rates. Sumitomo Bank, the Japanese bank, has dropped its mortgage rate to 9.4 per cent.

Oil likely to rise $1 a barrel

Vienna (Reuter) — Spot oil prices are likely to rise by about $1 a barrel in early business today after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' price monitoring committee decided yesterday that the group should hold two meetings this month.

A price committee meeting on April 23, to which at least seven non-Opec countries are invited, will be followed by a consultative meeting of all 13 Opec states on April 25.

North Sea Brent for May loading closed in Europe on Friday at $15.65. The expected rally reflects the industry's surprise at the result of a meeting which was expected to come up with little more than a reassertion that no member was exceeding output quotas and that attempts would be made to build a consensus before a full meeting due in June.



Opec talks: Dr Arturo Hernández Grisanti, of Venezuela (left), in discussion with Mr Rilwanu Lukman, of Nigeria

There is now the possibility of output cuts being agreed at the April 25 meeting, possibly with the non-Opec states.

Analysts said an idea being floated is for Opec to cut output by about 700,000 barrels a day from current levels of about 17.4 million and for the seven non-Opec states to cut about 300,000 barrels a day from their 8.4 million.

USM REVIEW

Clinton brings its greeting card

By Michael Clark

The customer comes first at Clinton Cards, the up-market specialist greetings card retailer, which takes its bow on the Unlisted Securities Market early next month.

Mr Don Lewin, chairman of the family-run business, is offering all 7 million of his customers the chance to enjoy the group's success by offering shares in the business. Clinton has decided to come to the market via a combination of placing and offer-for-sale arranged by Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, and Laurence Prust, the broker. It is only the second time that this method has been used — the first was for BWD Securities, the Huddersfield stockbroker, which recently made its début on the USM.

Final details have still to be worked out but the company is hoping to raise a total of £5 million from the flotation — of which £3 million will be set aside to finance the opening of new shops.

Mr Lewin says he hopes his customers will take the opportunity to buy shares in the company which operates 77 shops throughout the South-east.

The greeting cards market in this country is estimated to be worth £470 million a year and growing fast. Clinton has about 3 per cent of the market and is looking to improve on that as more shops open. Mr Lewin hopes to have another seven shops by the end of the year and should eventually lift the number to 100.

But he has set his sights firmly at the top end of the market where you can expect to pay an average of at least 50p a card compared with 25p at the cheaper end. "We are very much up-market. We do a lot of business with all the big publishers," he says. One of Clinton's biggest suppliers is the US group, Hallmark, the biggest greetings card publisher in the world.

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Clinton sold 25 million cards, worth an estimated £13.1 million, in the year to January 31. Pretax profits totalled £1.5 million, compared with £890,000 the year before.

The group is expected to come to the market on an historic p/e of about 15 which would give it a price tag of between £15 million and £18 million.

Floating companies on the USM has become something of a habit for Mr Monty White, finance director and one of the driving forces behind the revamped PML Group, the former Paul Michael Leisurewear.

Mr White made his début on the USM when it was formed in 1980 with one of the original pioneer companies — Aidcom International, the communications group which was eventually taken over by Addison Communications.

After that he joined the board of PE-International, the management consultant, which has since moved on to a full listing.

Last week he showed up wearing his PML hat with the group announcing an impressive 52 per cent leap in pretax profits to £2.56 million on sales 22 per cent higher at £22.97 million.

Mr White is more than pleased with last year's two acquisitions — Alec Berman and Euro Asia Trading. Now he has set his sights on another acquisition which is likely to cost about £2 million.

Even without the benefits of this latest deal, the market expects big things from PML. Analysts have already pencilled in profits for the current year of at least £3 million. Mr White says his board is also looking at the possibility of a full listing for the shares.

DIAMOND SERVICE

WHO HAS THE MOST WEEKDAY FLIGHTS TO AMSTERDAM?

It isn't British Airways. It isn't KLM. It's British Midland. We have 16 flights between Heathrow and Amsterdam every working day, including the first one in and the last one out. Which means our schedule will fit your schedule.

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HEATHROW - AMSTERDAM	AMSTERDAM - HEATHROW
07.00	09.00
08.15	10.15
11.00	13.00
12.15	14.15
14.15	16.15
16.15	18.15
18.15	20.15
20.15	22.15
07.25	09.25
09.30	11.30
11.30	13.30
13.30	15.30
15.30	17.30
17.30	19.30
19.30	21.00

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ANALYSIS

Tobacco profits lighting up the road to diversification

Tobacco companies, long the whipping boys of Chancellors and the butt of health and social campaigners, are looking cheap.

But, whatever the clamour against their products, the performance of their shares in recent years suggests that tobacco companies are happily surviving the crusade against them and that the shares can, after all, be good for your wealth.

A modest £100, invested five years ago in either Rothmans International or BAT Industries (the stock market's only two visibly quoted vehicles), would by today have appreciated quite handsomely — by three and a half times in the case of Rothmans, and by two and a half times in the case of BAT.

Over the same period, both investments have outpaced the FT-A All Share index, and the shares have not yet run out of breath.

Even though growth prospects for earnings and dividends are beginning to look very appealing, tobacco shares are not everybody's favourite investment. Historically, investors have found various reasons to shy away from the sector.

There is a conception that, because fewer people in the West smoke these days, the tobacco market is declining.

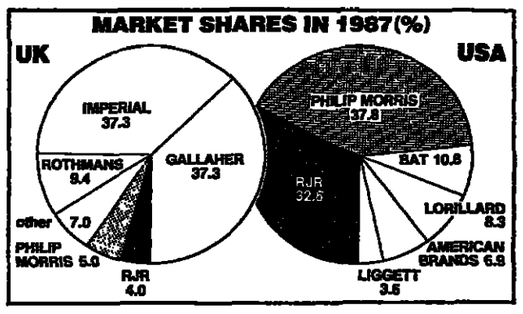
As far as Western tobacco markets are concerned, that assumption is largely true, now that the anti-tobacco lobby is almost as vocal as that against South Africa or fox hunting.

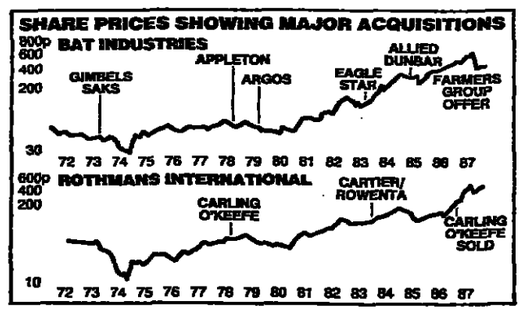
But the world market, taking in the growing Chinese and Far Eastern nations, is expanding, and margins earned by tobacco companies on their traditional core business continue to be respectable.

Investors are also concerned about adverse publicity surrounding legal actions against tobacco companies in the United States, raising fears of product liability.

To put this into perspective, the number of cases filed against US cigarette manufacturers has grown sharply since 1985. But to date no manufacturer has lost a case.

This was of particular relief to the tobacco industry after what appeared to be two strong suits — that of Marsee vs US Tobacco (Oklahoma, May 1987) and that of Horton vs American Brands (Mississippi, January, 1988).





At present there are about 116 product liability cases pending against US cigarette manufacturers, and a significant ruling is expected next month in the case of Cippolone vs Philip Morris, Liggett and Lorillard in Newark, New Jersey.

While analysts concede that tobacco shares deserve to be at some discount to the market to reflect the product liability concerns, the current levels of discount strike them as excessive.

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Rothmans reported interim pretax profits of £140 million, compared with £73.8 million in the first half of 1987.

For the financial year just ended, the market is looking for pretax profits of £286 million, compared with £195.5 million in 1987, equivalent to net earnings around the 40p a share mark.

At 404p, Rothmans trades on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 10.1, or a 14 per cent discount to the market.

BAT's figures for the year ended December, 1987, showed pretax profits hardly changed at £1.39 billion, equivalent to net earnings of 52.8p. But perhaps as a signal of better days ahead, the group raised the annual dividend by 18 per cent, even though net earnings fell by 1 per cent.

Mr Nyren Scott-Malden of BZW, the broker, forecasts pretax profit of £1.59 billion for this financial year and £1.75 billion for 1989 from which a net dividend of 22p a share could be paid.

At 431p, BAT trades on a prospective 6.9 times, for a 36 per cent discount to the market, while on 1989 forecasts the dividend yield at 6.8 per cent overtakes that of the price/earnings ratio of 6.2 times.

The 1989 profit forecast for BAT from Mr Mark Duffy of Warburg Securities — at £1.83 billion, from which a net 23.4p a share dividend could be paid — makes the yield and ratio even more attactive.

But if tobacco was the foundation on which BAT and Rothmans were established, and even though tobacco will remain a significant generator of profits, it is their diversification into non-tobacco areas which suggests that both deserve an improved investment status.

Tobacco *per se* still dominates both profit tables. It brought in 50 per cent of BAT's trading profit in 1987, while at Rothmans in the six months ended September it brought in £138.3 million out of a gross £169 million at the operating level.

But Mr Duffy's view, in his *Tobacco Stocks and Diversification*, is that the real excitement for the tobacco groups lies in their diversification plans, and that "the best of diversification is yet to come".

BAT has commanded a high profile on the diversification front since the early 1970s. In that decade it took on Wiggins Teape (£60 million), International Stores (£68 million), Gimbels/Saks ($201 million), Appleton Papers ($280 million), and Argos, the chain stores (£34 million). International Stores and Gimbels were later sold.

So far in the 1980s, BAT has acquired Marshall Field's ($368 million), Eagle Star (£968 million), Hambro Life (£664 million), and this year is making a none-too-friendly $4.5 billion bid for Farmers Group.

Rothmans has been less

The excitement for the tobacco groups lies in their plans for diversification

active, and not always so successful, in the non-tobacco field.

The group's 50.6 per cent stake in Dunhill Holdings and its stake in Cartier continue to serve it well. But Carling O'Keefe, the brewing group Rothmans bought in 1978, only to sell it after a series of structural problems to Elders IXL in 1987 for Can$196 million (£84.48 million), is a sortie best forgotten.

The timing of its exit from Carling O'Keefe, complemented by organic growth in its core tobacco interests have, however, put Rothmans in a particularly strong cash position.

In its interim report for last September, Rothmans showed net liquid funds of £398.6 million, a cash pile which should have grown further by the March year-end and which should prove a useful war chest as Rothmans searches out diversification opportunities.

Mr David Montagu became the group's deputy chairman at the beginning of the year and is due to take over as chairman from Sir Robert Crichton-Brown at the end of 1989.

Meanwhile his brief is "to concentrate on the group's non-tobacco interests, and seek further avenues for diversification".

Paradoxically, of the two, Rothmans, has become more of a tobacco company, rather than less. It is not directly involved in product liability litigation in the United States and has long attracted an investment following on takeover thoughts.

The Rembrandt Group of South Africa, via Rothmans Tobacco (Holdings) has 33 per cent of the equity and 43 per cent of the votes, while Philip Morris Inc has 29.35 per cent of the equity and 24.99 per cent of the votes. The takeover waters were further stirred last week when Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, let it be known that he was interested in raising his stake in the group's Australian associate (Rothmans Holdings) from 13 per cent to 20 per cent.

Product liabilty worries, though exaggerated, may dog the sector for a while, and tobacco shares will always be nervous at Budget time. Meanwhile, the shares offer good dividend yields, the ratings suggest undervalued situations, and diversification moves can only win over new friends.

Even for non-smokers, tobacco shares are worth a look.

Colin Campbell

GILT-EDGED

Policy shift on pound holds key to outlook

Over recent weeks the gilt-edged market has behaved like an offended mother-in-law — the good news is only to be expected, and there must be bad news round the corner to justify a glum expression.

The good news has been plentiful. First came a substantial surplus on the PSBR for last year (followed by the forecast surplus of £3 billion for the current year); then sterling was allowed to rise through DM3, reducing inflation and obviating the need to sell so many gilts; and then base rates were cut to 8½ per cent, followed by Friday's further cut to 8 per cent. All this came soon after the market had been fearing increases in interest rates. The market ought to be a good deal higher, yet over the last month it has put on only about a point. Somewhere or other, the market smells a rat.

This niggardly reaction is fully in tune with the prevailing pessimism that has engulfed markets in general since October. As it became clear that the crash had not had a big impact on demand in the real economy, the Treasury and a number of outside forecasters revised up implicit forecasts for output growth roughly back to where they were before. The gilt market, having responded well to the crash itself, returned to worrying about inflation.

There are three possible explanations for the market's lukewarm response to recent news:

(1) it is held back by international influences:
(2) it implicitly believes the forecasts of higher inflation, and the higher exchange rate is seen merely as an offset;
(3) the strength of sterling is viewed as a passing fad.

There is probably something in the idea of international restraint. For although they have fallen over recent years, real rates on government debt remain high around the world.

Nevertheless, the second and third explanations are nearer the mark — and they come down to the same thing. The markets find it difficult to believe that after a year of nearly 5 per cent GDP growth, a further 3 per cent or so can be enjoyed without inflationary problems. Their view owes a good deal to a lingering monetarist faith that rapid growth of broad money will undo us in the end, even though (or perhaps because) they have been exercised about this for years.

But it draws support from worrying data on the indicators closely associated with inflationary pressure in the United Kingdom — those terrible twins, high pay increases and balance of payments deficits.

The market has an atavistic fear that the balance of payments will force the expansion to be halted in the most painful way. It is right to be concerned, for the emerging deficit is the Achilles' heel of the Chancellor's strategy.

The official forecast of a £4 billion deficit is all very well — but if it reached £7 or £8 billion, which is plausible, sterling strength would probably go into reverse, at some stage forcing the authorities to raise interest rates. This would involve the worst combination for the gilt market — higher inflation from the lower pound and higher financing costs from higher short rates.

But pessimism about the balance of payments is easily overdone. After recent upward revisions the current account is recorded as deteriorating from 1986 to 1987 by only £1.7 billion, £500 million of which was accounted for by a lower invisibles surplus. In a year when the non-oil economy expanded by about 5 per cent, while growth in much of the world was subdued, this was not at all bad.

And the underlying position on wage inflation is better than the bare facts suggest. Although earnings are rising at 8½ per cent, a large chunk is accounted for by overtime and bonus payments, which are directly associated with the growth of output and as such are not inflationary.

The key to the outlook for gilts lies in the abrupt change in exchange rate policy a month ago. There are a number of different interpretations of the decision to allow the pound to float up through DM3. The most widely held view is that the authorities were simply bowing to market pressure. There were allegedly inflationary dangers in continuing to resist upward pressure on the pound through intervention, as well as potential costs. But aside from the problems created by intervention, this did not necessarily imply that the authorities saw much inflationary danger.

Another interpretation holds that the decision of the authorities to give in to the markets (and in particular Mr Lawson's agreement) was due in large part to the authorities' own fears that inflation might take hold later this year, and that some form of policy tightening was therefore required. With Mr Lawson keen to make extensive tax cuts for supply-side and political reasons, fiscal tightening was ruled out. This left the exchange rate.

There is, however, a third view, namely that the tightening was due not so much to a fear that inflation would rise substantially, but rather to a determination on Mrs Thatcher's part that it should be brought down further. Mesmerized by its own inflationary fears, the gilt market seems not to have given this possibility much thought.

If you start from a Thatcherite philosophy, it makes perfectly good sense to be directing efforts into reducing inflation. In Mrs Thatcher's first term of office reducing inflation was the overwhelming objective. After initial hiccups the objective was achieved (though largely through unintended means). This emphasis was justifiable, for in the 1970s Britain faced an inflationary crisis.

Between the General Elections of 1983 and 1987 reduction of inflation was put on the back burner. Naturally government rhetoric stressed the importance of reducing it further, but the reality was that nothing was done. With a few ups and downs, inflation was kept broadly stable in the 3-5 per cent range. The Chancellor's energies were directed rather towards sustaining the expansion of the economy, and on last year's evidence he succeeded with a vengeance. With growth now so strong, it makes sense to switch priorities to counter-inflation.

As far as the gilt market is concerned, if this third interpretation of policy is correct, the outlook is good. In fact, as long as sterling strength endures, the first interpretation is equally good. It is only if the recent tightening of policy is an offsetting response to stronger inflationary pressure that the gilt market should remain unmoved.

For suppose that the overheating school is wrong and that, before the recent bout of sterling strength, inflation was set to remain roughly at 4 per cent. Sterling on average has strengthened by about 5 per cent over the last month. If this strength were sustained it would probably reduce inflation by more than 1 per cent within a year, bringing the year-end rate below 3 per cent. On this basis at current prices the gilt market would apparently be offering real yields of more than 6 per cent.

Then there is the supply position. Once the authorities stop intervening to hold the pound back, the net supply of gilts will be falling over the next several years — and when downward pressure on the pound arrives to cloud this prospect, there will be a silver lining.

If the authorities intervene to support the pound, under the current sterilization policy they would need to sell fewer gilts. That means not needing fully to refinance maturing issues. It might even amount to buying-in of stock.

During 1987 the transformation in the supply position with regard to gilts was disguised by the effects of intervention. This year the message may come through loud and clear.

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EEC insider deals plan rejected

By Colin Narbrough

A working group, set up to review West Germany's voluntary style of combating insider dealing, has come out against European Economic Community plans for EEC-wide regulations.

Lord Cockfield, the EEC's Internal Market Commissioner, proposed last year that profiting from privileged information should be outlawed throughout the EEC.

In sharp contrast to the vigorous steps taken by the British and other governments to stamp out insider dealing, Bonn has taken a relaxed view of the problem, leaving it to the market to keep its own house in order.

Perhaps surprisingly, given that even the conservative Swiss have outlawed it, insider dealing is not illegal in West Germany, Europe's biggest economy.

But breaches of a voluntary code mean that offenders are ordered to repay profits made from insider dealing. They are also exposed to damaging publicity, a powerful deterrent given West Germany's tightly knit business community, in which a few institutions set the national tone.

The committee reaffirmed that it stands for the "tried practice of voluntary solutions", based on the principle of self-regulation of business and commerce.

While rejecting the EEC Commission's attempt to establish insider dealing laws, as part of its drive to create the frontierless European financial market, the committee intends to widen the scope of its present code.

Changes include a requirement that inside information must not be passed on to people outside a company, unless in fulfilment of legal obligations or to safeguard "justified interests".

For the first time, trading in stock options will also fall within the scope of the code, and the special commissions set up to investigate breaches of the rules will have greater authority to initiate investigations. For all this, however, the system of regulation will remain voluntary.

Herr Arno Thielemann, a committee spokesman, said that West Germany still considered the tools it had for dealing with inside traders as adequate to the task.

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Capel unit trust funds draw £7m

By Our City Staff

The four unit trust funds launched by James Capel, the broker, last month, attracted £7 million in initial investment by the time application lists closed at a special 50p a unit price, last Friday.

The James Capel Gold and General unit trust attracted £4.8 million, the Far Eastern Special Situations fund £1.1 million, the European Special Situations fund £600,000 and the International Special Situations fund £500,000.

Mr Julian Baring, who heads the Gold and General Fund, said that on Friday alone £2.5 million poured into the offices for the gold fund ahead of the deadline.

The gold and general unit portfolio has initially been structured with "general" rather than specific gold investments in mind.

"At present gold is not everybody's favourite metal," Mr Baring said. He believes the portfolio represents a broad cross-section across the metals board, and has fair representation in the world's more important mining centres.

The 23 shares include Johnson Matthey, RTZ, Amax, Inspiration, Phelps Dodge, Alcan, Inco, Western Mining, Falconbridge, De Beers, Bougainville, CRA and Homestake (Australia).

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — Interims: Highland Distillers, Ossory Estates, Wardle Storeys. **Finals:** Accord Publications, Asda Property Holdings, British Island Airways, Cannon Street Investments, Comac Group, IJ Dewhirst Holdings, Executex Clothes, Folkes Group, Fortnum & Mason, Hewden Stuart Plant, Isa International, North British Canadian Investment Co, Scottish Television, Sharp & Law, Theme Holdings, Wace Group.

TOMORROW — Interims: Dowding & Mills, GR Holdings. **Finals:** Atlantic Computers, Baillie Gifford Technology, Blockleys, British Fittings Group, Olives Paper Mill, Alexander Proudfoot, Rural Planning Services (expected April 14), Savoy Hotel, Sovereign, Telephone Rentals, Ward White Group, Willaire Systems.

WEDNESDAY — Interims: New Central Witwatersrand Areas (expected April 14), Portland Holdings, Smiths Industries, Tribble Harris Li Inc. **Finals:** APV, Bentalls, Matthew Hall, Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain, Hornby, Juliana's Holdings, Newarthill, Pearl Group, RMC Group, RTZ Corporation, Rockware Group, SPP, Tesco, Tudor.

THURSDAY — Interims: AMI Healthcare Group, Adwest Group, Fleming Japanese Investment Trust, McKechnie. **Finals:** Avis Europe, Ayrshire Metal Products, Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, J Billam, Britannia Group, British Dredging (amended), Capital & Regional Properties, Connells Estate Agents, Horace Cory, Godfrey Davis (Holdings), Eagle Trust, Evered Holdings, Fitch & Company Design Consultants, F&C Pacific Investment Trust (expected April 15), Great Southern Group, Walter Lawrence, New London Properties, Thurgar Bardex.

FRIDAY — Interims: Chrysalis Group. **Finals:** Blue Circle Industries, Dinkie Heel, Tharsis Company (expected April 18).

DTI steps up public sales drive

A campaign to encourage businesses to sell to the public sector is being geared up by the Department of Trade and Industry. It is offering guidance to businesses which may have been put off from trying.

The guide, in the form of a booklet, was launched by Mr John Butcher, industry minister at the DTI, who said: "For too long the supply of goods and services to Government has been held back from the competition of the market place. It is to the benefit of all — Government, industry and the taxpayer — that suppliers to the public sector should be selected on the widest basis possible."

The aim was to encourage businesses that had been put off by the prospect of selling to Government and "bring them into the growing number of suppliers to the public sector."

The guide details the main public sector buyers and explains what products and services each organization buys and how it does business.

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German steel industry set to cut 35,000 jobs by 1990

By Colin Narbrough

As British Steel Corporation gears up for early privatization, West Germany's private sector steel industry is preparing for a fresh round of plant closures and job cuts aimed at keeping it competitive in the heavily subsidized environment of European steel.

Some 35,000 steel jobs, or 18 per cent, are being cut by 1990 and a further 25,000 jobs are to be shed in its feeder industry, coal.

Despite the generally profitable position at the moment, the West German steelmakers are keen to continue the restructuring process at full pace.

Having survived the prolonged crisis that hit steel in the mid-1970s, by among other things concentrating activity on the most efficient plants, the West Germans are now having to turn to closures involving plants which were hitherto regarded as being in optimal locations.

Early next month, Krupp's supervisory board has to deliver its final decision on whether to shut down its Rheinhausen works in Duisburg, long seen as one of Europe's ideally suited steel mills, with access to the Rhine and with the bulk of its customers in the immediate hinterland.

In the Ruhr, Germany's industrial heartland, the threatened loss of Rheinhausen is seen by many as a sign of worse things to come. If such a plant cannot be kept alive, which other plants will have to be axed?

The regional branch of IG Metall, the powerful metalworkers' union, has no doubts that steel is in for a bad time.

"The crisis is just beginning" one senior union official pointed out, noting that the steel industry faced a big loss of jobs that would not be replaced.

British fears about the future of Ravenscraig, BSC's integrated mill near Motherwell, could be well justified if Europe's biggest private sector steel industry is having to streamline its operations so radically.

The federal government in Bonn is meanwhile less concerned about the industrial implications and sees the problem largely as a social one. Last month it agreed to spend DM500 million (£159 million) to create new jobs and retrain workers leaving the steel industry. The agreement came after major round table discussions involving Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

While welcoming BSC to the fold of private sector steelmaking, the West Germans are clearly angered by the huge subsidy BSC enjoyed in the past while they were having to pay their way, often through borrowing, in the difficult years.

Buoyant steel demand, especially for rolled products, has helped most companies back to profitability, albeit to nothing like the dazzling profits BSC is currently showing.

Dr Ruprecht Vondran, executive director of the German Iron and Steel Federation makes the point, however, that after £8.3 billion in aid, BSC's profits are really "rather modest".

Pressure on Bill for BSC sell-off

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Fresh efforts to push through the Bill which will give British Steel Corporation company status are expected when the House of Commons returns from the Easter recess tomorrow.

Company status is a preliminary to BSC's privatization. It had been hoped to get the Bill through Parliament before the recess to clear the way for a possible flotation in November.

The longer the Bill stays in its committee stages, the more likely it is that privatization will have to be postponed to January, or even later.

BSC has started on an image-changing campaign to prepare the markets for a flotation. There have been worries that even the City still sees it as it once was – loss-making and riddled with union problems.

The attitude of the institutions to the flotation is likely to be crucial, because they are best placed to take a long-term view on shares of a company involved in what is still a cyclical industry.

The BSC campaign should get a lift in July through the annual results. A doubling of first-half profits of £190 million has been forecast and it looks possible to reach £400 million in the full year.

Sir Robert Scholey, the chairman, is eager that BSC gets commercial freedom as soon as possible, allowing BSC to make unshackled decisions for growth through takeovers or company-to-company trade link agreements.

BSC also seems likely to increase its presence in steel stockholding at home and abroad. In West Germany, Walter Blume, its Stuttgart stockholding subsidiary, has increased the BSC presence by buying Eisen-Werner, a specialist in high-value structural steels.

In Britain, British Steel is at a Government-imposed ownership ceiling of 15 per cent of the stockholding sector, but this is tiny compared with European steelmakers, which often have two-thirds or more of the stockholding interests in their domestic market.

Britain's steel stockholders are watching BSC warily over what could become a controversial issue. Stockholders have indicated they could probably live with BSC taking 25 per cent of the market, but further penetration by the corporation would clearly cause a row.

ECONOMIC VIEW

G7 should look again at commodity prices

After all the excitement surrounding Britain's exchange rate policy in recent weeks, culminating in Friday's Bank of England-led base rate cut, what more is in store? It hardly seems possible that the Group of Seven finance ministers and central bankers, due to meet in Washington on Wednesday, can come up with any surprises.

The timing of the base rate reduction, after two days of intervention by the Bank of England – in partnership with both the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Bundesbank – may not be entirely unrelated to this week's meeting. It will, after all, allow the Chancellor to present his credentials as a serious manager of exchange rates – although after his disagreement with the Prime Minister over sterling, these are still rather besmirched.

The official line on the G7 meeting is that there is no pressing need for it, and that it is likely to pass off quietly. But, as the participants will be in Washington anyway for the International Monetary Fund/World Bank interim and development committee meetings, they might as well get together.

The dollar has been under some pressure, it is conceded, but has recovered on an apparent reversal by the Federal Reserve Board of its earlier easing of monetary policy. The US trade deficit is narrowing slowly, as should be confirmed by the February figures on Thursday. All the G7 finance ministers and central bankers need do, it appears, is put their names to an updated version of their December 23 statement and go off to sample the fleshpots of Washington.

But the markets, justifiably, hope for and expect a little more than this. Part of the reason for the dollar's firmer performance in recent days has been a hedging of bets amid the usual speculation that precedes G7 meetings. Stories in Japan and New York of new G7 floors for the dollar against the yen have had the effect of creating expectations in the markets that cannot possibly be delivered. The most likely outcome of Wednesday's meeting and Thursday's US trade figures remains a lower dollar.

In October, the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank were enlivened by the proposals from the Chancellor and James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, for strengthening exchange rate management and incorporating commodity price signals into the process of international economic co-ordination.

The fact that these bold visions were almost immediately followed by petty international squabbling over policy and, shortly after that, by the October stock market collapse, has meant they have been virtually forgotten.

Officials have, however, been giving quiet consideration to the Baker and Lawson suggestions and, while there is little prospect of meaningful progress on the Chancellor's proposals for "a more permanent regime of managed floating", other action is possible. In particular, the US Treasury has been privately suggesting that G7 will give a fair wind to the use of commodity price indicators, including gold, as indicators of inflation, a device that was central to the Baker proposals and an important sub-plot in the Lawson scheme.

Already there are signs that a greater weight is being given to commodity price changes in at least one key economic policy forum. Mr Manuel Johnson, the Federal Reserve Board governor, has characterized Fed policy as responding to commodity price movements, as well as the dollar and the slope of the yield curve.

A working paper recently published by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, *Are Commodity Prices Leading Indicators of OECD prices?*, concluded that, while there are no fixed relationships between commodity prices and consumer prices in the Western industrialized countries, commodity prices are, nevertheless, a useful inflation indicator.

"There does appear to be useful information about the future course of OECD inflation to be gleaned from the growth of some commodity prices," the paper said. "Developments in some metals, food and agricultural raw materials prices may therefore be a useful supplement to the existing indicators used in the multilateral surveillance process."

Although commodity price indicators should clearly be used with a good deal of caution, the picture they are presently displaying argues against any overall relaxation of policy by the G7 countries, and may even suggest a modest tightening. Measured in IMF Special Drawing Rights, the *Economist commodity price index* is running about 36.4 per cent up on a year ago. Food prices, up 9.9 per cent, are not particularly worrying, but the 91.7 per cent increase in metals prices is something of an eyebrow-raiser.

There is, in present circumstances, more useful information on inflation to be gained from commodity prices than from the performance of the monetary aggregates, which – in all the G7 countries – are distorted to a degree by financial innovation and liberalization.

The germs of a good idea on the use of commodity price indicators were presented six months ago, even if James Baker may have been playing rather too much to the gallery of gold bugs in the Republican Party. The idea should be followed through this week.

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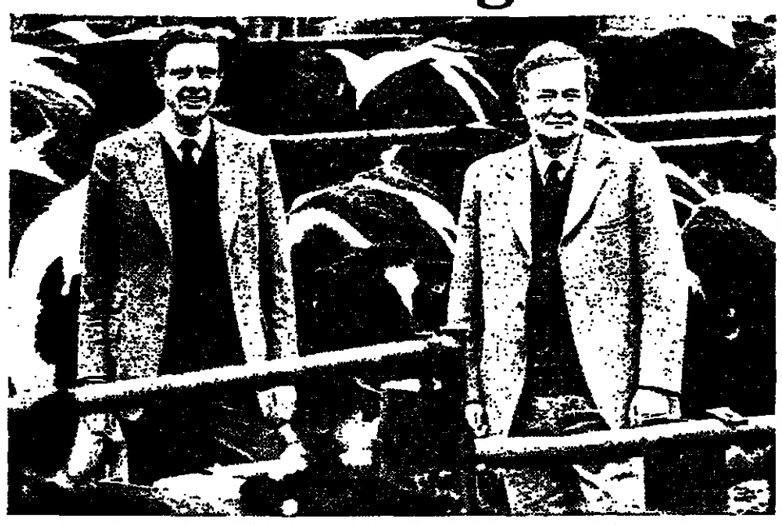
A new route to farming success

By Our Industrial Editor

Farm diversification to escape the growing rigours of the agricultural industry has taken an unusual route at the Gaddesden estate in the Hertfordshire Chilterns, which has been with the Halsey family since the 16th century.

Mr Nick Halsey, the latest member of the family to live at the estate's main house, the Golden Parsonage, and Mr John Massey, of the nearby *Elm Tree Farm*, are partners in running seminars on agriculture and offering facilities for business conferences.

Those attending corporate meetings can mix business with leisure activities such as horse riding, clay pigeon shooting and trout fishing – all available on the estate with its several farms. In season, there is also pheasant shooting.



Expanding horizons: Nick Halsey, left, and John Massey with their dairy herd

The seminars are aimed at explaining all aspects of farming in an EEC context, partly by using as examples the estate's own wide mix which includes arable harvests, a dairy herd, beef production, forestry and the growing of wild flowers for seed. There is a thoroughbred stud, the result of an earlier diversification.

Mr Halsey, who is a chartered surveyor as well as a farmer, and Mr Massey, with an entirely farming background, have both been on lecturing circuits which led them into starting the seminars and conferences.

They are attracting groups like professional advisers, from accountants and bankers to lawyers and careers officers, who can benefit from a closer knowledge of farming. Businesses such as food manufacturers and grocery retailers are also showing interest.

Mr Halsey said: "Over a couple of days or so people can really begin to understand what makes a farmer, and his farm, tick. For us it represents diversificiation and better use of the facilities here at a time when farming is entering a difficult period, rather like the shakeout years industry has already been through and is successfully coming out of."

Mr Massey said: "It is not just milk quotas. It is also hard to wring a profit out of many crops now. In farming we are very much on the downward side of the cycle."

While farming sales for the Halsey partnership will be running at about £750,000 a year the stud will have an annual turnover of about £65,000 with the new seminars venture probably matching the stud's cashflow.

UK 'confident' on Rolls safeguard

By Our City Staff

The Government is confident it can justify to the European Commission the safeguards on British control of Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine maker privatized last year, on grounds of the company's strategic importance.

But it may find its 15 per cent ceiling on foreign ownership indefensible and be forced to resort to other means to protect the national interest, such as a golden share enabling the Government to veto takeover bids.

This emerged after Whitehall officials confirmed that Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had received a letter from Lord Cockfield, the EEC Internal Market Commissioner, formally seeking justificatiom for the percentage limit on non-British holdings.

Brussels is challenging Britain and France over special rules favouring their own nationals in privatizations. The Commission says these could be in breach of EEC law.

Lord Young has yet to draft his response to Lord Cockfield, but M Edouard Balladur, France's finance minister, has made clear that Paris would respect the EEC's founding charter on which the Commission's argument is based.

Britain's defence of its arrangement for Rolls-Royce is based on article 223 of the treaty, which allows member states to make special provisions for industries of strategic significance.

Moscow first for Ernst & Whinney

By Our City Staff

Ernst & Whinney, the international accountant which is seeking to persuade the West of the huge business potential of a "reformist" Soviet Union, takes its campaign to the heart of Moscow this week.

It is sponsoring the first commercial conference in the Soviet capital, from tomorrow until Thursday, on East-West joint ventures.

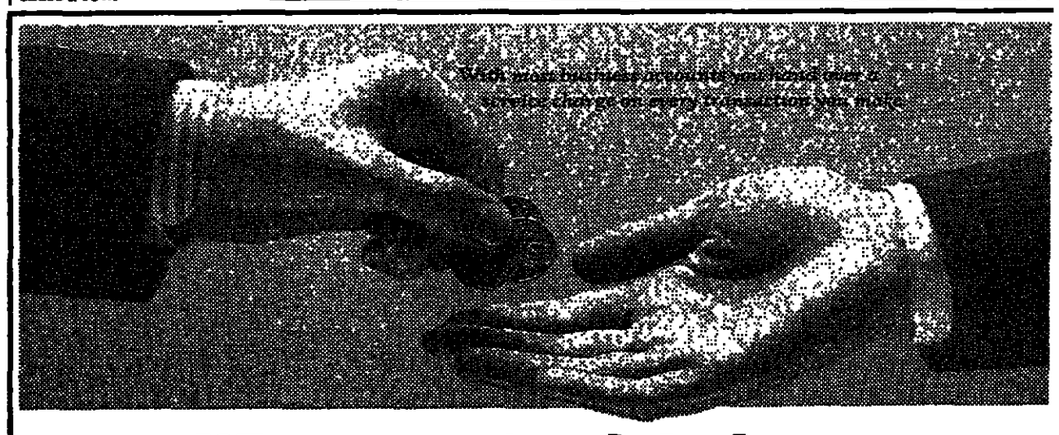
Twelve British companies will take part in the conference organized by the managing directors of joint ventures between Soviet and Western companies.

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov have pledged to boost Anglo-Soviet trade substantially in the next few years, and joint ventures could offer a key to expanding economic relations.

Joint ventures form an important element in plans formulated under Mr Gorbachov to overhaul the Soviet economy. The Kremlin hopes that such links will attract Western capital and bring about the vital technology transfer.

One of Mr Gorbachov's leading economic advisers, Mr Abel Aganbegyan, will address the conference. So will Dr Armand Hammer, chairman of Occidental Petroleum.

Dr John Howell, director of Ernst & Whinney's East European division, said: "In recent months, there has been great encouragement both from the West and the Soviet Union to develop imaginative commercial packages which enable Western companies to do business in the USSR on a more secure commercial footing."



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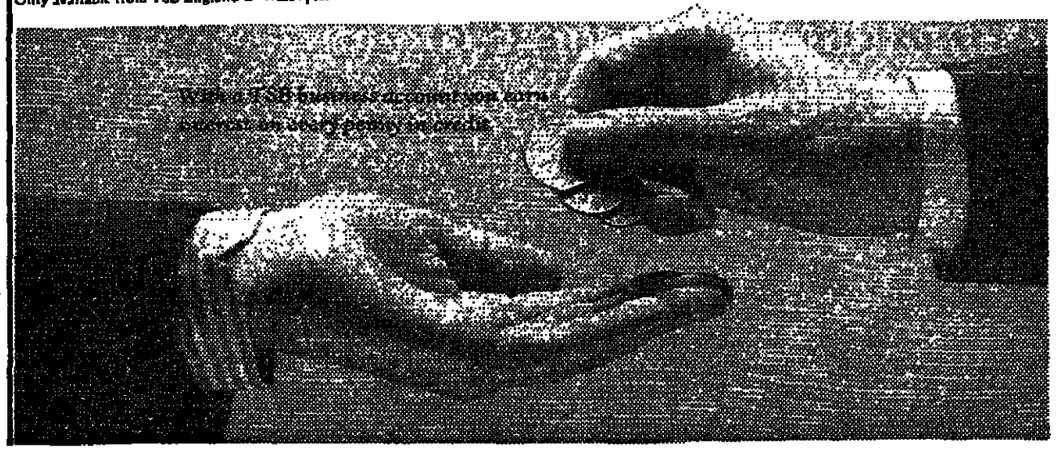
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Boys from the black stuff

Just in case we had lost the thread of the plot, the next instalment of the Guinness saga will be broadcast tomorrow, with an unprecedented gathering of defendants in the case at Bow Street Magistrates Court. Ernest Saunders, Roger Seelig, Gerald Ronson, Sir Jack Lyons, Anthony Parnes and Lord Spens might not feel inclined to talk to one another. But, with a record crowd of journalists expected, the defendants will be jostling for room in the courtroom's small dock. Parnes will probably be jetlagged, having flown in today from Los Angeles, where he has been staying in his $7,000 a month rented Beverly Hills *pied-à-terre*. In the other corner is likely to be Detective Superintendent Richard Botwright, head of the Fraud Squad inquiry, who was still showing the last rays of a Los Angeles suntan when he appeared in court on Friday for the bail application of David Mayhew, the Cazenove broker. Botwright picked up his suntan while he was arranging the voluntary return of Parnes, from California to Britain, last month. Ever courteous, Botwright will have a busy time of it if he follows his usual practice of shaking hands with the defendants when they arrive in court. The courtroom drama is also providing a spectacle for those passers-by who see the comings and goings at Bow Street as part of the street theatre for which nearby Covent Garden is famous. One of the more eccentric bystanders in the pavement audience, which gathered last Friday as Mayhew was leaving the court, yelled out: "Hold your head up Mayhew, hold your head up," as the broker fought his way through the photographers. Mayhew did.



"Aintree investment fund speaking"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Words with the wise

Anyone who wants a quiet word with Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of the Stock Exchange; Murray Lawrence, chairman of Lloyd's insurance market; or David Burton, deputy chairman of the London Financial Futures Exchange, has a fine chance next month to buttonhole all three at once. Not only will they be able to pin the City trinity against the wall, but they can do so in a good cause. Sir Nicholas, Lawrence and Burton are three patrons of the City Telethon Ball, being held in London on May 26 to raise money for the ITV Telethon, a 27-hour charity fundraising marathon hosted by Michael Aspel which will follow three days later. Those invited to join in the drinking, dancing and raffles that will punctuate the ball include Joan Collins, Adam Faith, David Frost and Selina Scott, although it is not clear whether they will be included in the tombola. Telephone 01-377-2400 for ticket details.

View to a kill

A scientist at Rentokil, the pest controller, may have just saved London. If the ravens leave the Tower of London, the legend says, the city will fall. But the problem was not just that the ravens were fleeing the Tower. They were injuring themselves by attacking a neighbouring building on Commodity Quay, home of London's futures and options markets. The ravens perched on a balcony of one of the large glass buildings. Seeing their reflections as rivals, the birds set about driving off the intruders, battering themselves in the process. Simon Gale, a Rentokil surveyor, has now rigged up taut, plastic-coated wires on the ledge of the balcony, thereby preventing the ravens from landing. The fate of the City now probably rests with New Scotland Yard.

Central character

So who is Li Guixian? He has just been made head of China's central bank, but the influential appointment has received about as much attention in the world's Press as Edwina Currie's painful battle with shyness. Most international bankers appear never to have heard of Li, a 50-year-old Soviet-trained engineer with no financial experience. The Bank of England was not even aware that he had been appointed. Li's arrival as boss of the People's Bank of China marks the end of Chen Muhua's three-year stay. Chen is regarded as having done a good job, but at 68, she is felt to be getting old for the job. But, while his name draws a blank outside China, Li is a well-known figure on Peking's political scene and an influential figure in the Communist Party. "It's a very high profile position in China," a Chinese banker in London tells me. "Li is a very high-ranking official, possibly regarded as a future leader of the country. He is still very young by Chinese standards." An American banker adds: "This is a very important job, especially because of the bank's role in the next stage of economic reform. What Li does will affect the man in the street as well as government policy." Li is stepping into the post at a time when China is changing its banking system from one of administrative control to one of indirect control through interest rates and credit and money supply. Oh dear, how passé.

Joe Joseph

APPOINTMENTS

Chief executive named at Air New Zealand

Air New Zealand: Mr Jim Scott becomes chief executive on June 1.

Central and City Holdings: Mr Keith Artus and Mr Joseph Hyde have been made directors.

PA Consulting Group: Mr David Coulter has been appointed finance director.

Appleyard Group: Mr Stephen Williams and Mr Michael Noel have been appointed directors. Mr Robert Maxwell becomes senior executive for Scotland.

IDC Communications: Mr Vincent Plumb becomes managing director.

Ballantyne, McKean & Sullivan: Mr Roger Cooper has been appointed executive director.

Citymax: Mr Lucien D'Sa has been made director of sales and marketing.

Dial Contracts: Mr Howard Pemberton becomes operations director.

Network Vehicles: Mr Ray Parsons joins the board as director and general manager.

Brammer: Mr Jon Foulds becomes chairman on June 1. Mr Brian Allison has joined the board.

Amersham International: Sir Edwin Nixon has become chairman.

Philip Harris Holdings: Mr David Macey and Mr David Linney have been made joint managing directors.

Alexon Group: Mr David Cohen has been named group finance director.

TSB England & Wales: Mr Charles Love has become executive director of financial services.

Television South: Mr Alan Boyd has joined the board as an executive director.

Catalyst Publications: Mr Craig Waller has been made managing director and publisher.

Standard Life Assurance: Mr Jim Stretton has become deputy managing director.

Equity & General: Mr Richard Banks has joined the board as group finance director.

Jardine Insurance Brokers: Mr David Cowley has been made managing director and Mr Barry Strong deputy managing director of the corporate division. Mr John Hastings-Bass has been appointed managing director of the personal lines division.

Salomon Brothers International: Mr Ian Brimecome has joined the financial institutions group as vice-president of European insurance.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 78.3 (day's range 78.1-78.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for April 8

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8695-1.8780	1.8760-1.8770	0.25-0.22pr	0.69-0.64pr
Montrl	2.3331-2.3453	2.3422-2.3453	0.07p-0.14d	0.06-0.29ds
Amstrdm	3.5147-3.5288	3.5250-3.5288	1⅛-1pr	4⅜-3⅞pr
Brussels	65.43-65.83	65.66-65.83	25-7pr	49-30pr
Copnhgn	11.9798-12.0372	12.1014-12.0372	5-8pr-1⅛ds	1½-2ds
Dublin	1.1715-1.1769	1.1725-1.1735	25-18pr	57-44pr
Frankft	3.1310-3.1423	3.1367-3.1402	1⅜-1pr	4⅛-3⅝pr
Lisbon	255.75-257.85	256.64-257.71	57-106ds	182-290ds
Madrid	206.95-208.88	207.67-208.16	14-35ds	58-90ds
Milan	2321.92-2331.54	2326.71-2329.83	par-6ds	9-16ds
Oslo	11.7012-11.7575	11.7419-11.7575	4⅞-5⅝ds	14⅝-16⅝ds
Paris	10.6178-10.6585	10.6472-10.6585	⅞pr-⅛ds	⅞pr-⅜ds
Stckhlm	11.0403-11.0959	11.0843-11.0959	⅛-1⅛ds	2⅛-3⅛ds
Tokyo	234.90-235.85	235.53-235.85	1⅛-⅞pr	3-2⅝pr
Vienna	22.00-22.11	22.08-22.11	9⅞-8⅞pr	26⅞-23⅞pr
Zurich	2.5874-2.5969	2.5910-2.5952	1⅜-1⅛pr	4⅛-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	12.1537-12.2538
Australia dollar	2.5242-2.5274
Bahrain dinar	0.7035-0.7075
Brazil cruzado*	222.59-223.83
Cyprus pound	0.8320-0.8420
Finland markka	7.4825-7.5225
Greece drachma	248.50-250.50
Hong Kong dollar	14.6048-14.6146
India rupee	24.43-24.63
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5095-0.5135
Malaysia dollar	4.8137-4.8282
Mexico peso	4250-4350
New Zealand dollar	2.8470-2.8629
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.9975-7.0375
Singapore dollar	3.7447-3.7487
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6773-5.7686
S Africa rand (com)	4.0029-4.0107
U A E dirham	6.8526-6.8925

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5940-1.5955	Denmark	6.4000-6.4050	Italy	1242.0-1244.0
Singapore	2.0020-2.0030	W Germany	1.6745-1.6755	Belgium (Com)	35.07-35.12
Malaysia	2.5735-2.5745	Switzerland	1.3845-1.3855	Hong Kong	7.8080-7.8090
Australia	1.3495-1.3505	Netherlands	1.8785-1.8795	Portugal	136.50-137.00
Canada	1.2477-1.2487	France	5.6810-5.6840	Spain	110.90-111.10
Sweden	5.9000-5.9050	Japan	125.65-125.75	Austria	11.74-11.76
Norway	6.2590-6.2640				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 Finance Hse 9½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8⅞ Low 7½ Week fixed: 8⅜
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 7²⁷⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 7²⁵⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth – 7²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 7²³⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 7⅞-7¾ 2 mth: 7⅝-7¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 7⅞-7¹³⁄₁₆
6 mth 8⅛-8
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8⅛ 2 mth: 8⅛ 3 mth: 8⅛
6 mth 8⅛
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8⅛ close 6
1 week: 8⅛-8 1 mth: 8⅛-8 3 mth: 8⁵⁄₁₆-8⅛
6 mth: 8⁵⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8⅝ 12 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅛ 7 day: 8⅜ 1 mth: 8⅜
3 mth: 8½ 6 mth: 8⅝ 12 mth: 9
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8⅛-8½ 2 mth: 8⅝-8½ 3 mth: 8⅜-8⅝
6 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 9-8⅞ 12 mth: 9⅛-8⅞
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8⅛-8 3 mth: 8⅛-8⅟₁₆ 6 mth: 8⅜-8⁵⁄₁₆
12 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8¹¹⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.85-6.80 3 mth: 6.95-6.90 6 mth: 7.15-7.10
12 mth: 7.50-7.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6⅞-6⅝	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7⅟₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅜-7¼
Call: 6⅞-5⅞				
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3⅛	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 3½-2½				
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	8⅛-8	8⅛-8⅜	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅞-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1⅛	1⅝-1⅛	2-1⅞	2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆
Call: 1⅛-⅛				
Yen:	3⅝-3½	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆	4⅛-4	4⅛-4⅛
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £640.0m allotted: £100m
Bids: £98.06% received: 82%
Last week: £97.98% received: 83%
Avge rate: £7.7583% last wk £8.0952%
Next week: £100m replace £100m

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
5,425,000	A & M Gp	9	+1	..e	..	33.3
21.7m	ASD	303	-10	13.0	4.3	8.5
7,523,000	ATA Selection	63	+3	2.2	3.5	28.0
17.1m	Aber Am Pet	32	-2	..	..	..
5,760,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	48	-2	1.5e	3.3	..
—	Access Satellite	..	..	4.41	..	..
17.2m	Acorn Comp	26	+3	..	..	24.3
15.9m	Acsis Group	75	-3	..	..	..
10.7m	Airsprung	177	-5	8.5	4.8	9.6
6,450,000	Ald Restaurants	66	● ..	1.7	2.6	..
30.6m	Amer Bus Sys	82	+2	2.2	2.7	36.3
11.3m	Antler	193	●+2	4.8	2.5	15.8
40.5m	App Holographics	289	-4	..	..	..
118.1m	Aran Energy	73	-3	..	..	..
30.0m	Ashtead	435	+10	4.1	0.9	38.8
42.8m	Aspen Comms	422	+2	7.0b	1.6	18.9
144.8m	Aspray	273	..	5.8	2.1	15.2
2,077,000	Assoc Energy	30	+1	..	..	31.3
8,708,000	Assoc Nursing	136	-9	..	..	..
252.7m	Atlantic Sec	78	..	..	..	..
13.9m	Atlas Equipment	173	+6	8.0	4.6	14.1
6,617,000	Automagic	116	●-2	8.9	7.7	17.7
4,172,000	BBB Design	51	-2	2.1	4.1	8.1
9,794,000	BCE	35	..	1.4	4.0	14.1
4,166,000	BTS Grp	81	-2	5.8	7.2	15.4
3,854,000	BWD	98	..	5.1	5.3	7.7
12.1m	Beaverco	185	+6	6.9	3.7	14.7
3,468,000	Bedford (William)	73	●-2	6.4	8.8	6.6
6,046,000	Bensons Crisps	68	●-2	0.7	1.0	11.5
5,400,000	Berry Birch & Noble	90	-10	8.2	8.9	8.7
4,004,000	Bilston&Battersea	95	-5	5.8	6.1	13.2
4,701,000	Bio Isolates	27	-1	..	..	..
8,840,000	Biomechanics	26	+2	..	..	..
3,643,000	Blanchards	53	+5	..e	..	8.5
48.9m	Blenheim Exhib	475	..	7.3	1.5	38.5
22.9m	Bluebird Toys	275	●-17	8.5	3.1	10.9
10.5m	Bonded Laminates	122	+10	4.1	3.4	17.4
3,330,000	Border TV	33	-1	2.0	6.1	8.5
52.2m	Borland	106	+2	..	..	..
8,283,000	Brewmaker	10½	r -½	2.1	20.0	43.8
4,557,000	Br Bloodstock	133	..	12.1	9.1	9.7
18.7m	Br Island	104	..	2.7	2.6	14.1
12.6m	Broad St	35	+2	2.6	7.4	14.1
46.0m	Brookmount	350	-5	6.1	1.7	18.9
2,707,000	Bryant (Derek)	106	+3	2.7	2.5	27.2
—	Bula Resources	5	..	..	..	..
26.1m	Burford	222	+17	0.4	0.2	42.1
9,151,000	CCA Galleries	95	-2	3.8	4.1	12.8
21.8m	CCF	178	+10	4.1	2.3	8.7
19.4m	CML Micro	113	..	..	..	..
12.1m	CPU Comp	75	-6	..	..	62.5
9,246,000	CSL Corp	67	+5	..	..	..
—	Caledonian Oil	210	-2	..	..	..
4,720,000	Camtech	96	+3	2.8	2.9	26.5
9,578,000	Cap & Regional	81	+1	0.1	0.1	61.8
1,777,000	Carron Phoenix	161	+1	..	..	..
7,230,000	Castle Comm	200	+5	9.8	4.8	14.2
19.3m	Catalyst	50	-4	0.1	0.2	12.2
31.8m	Chancery Secs	175	-7	5.5	3.1	18.9
14.3m	Chelsea Man	133	..	4.0	3.0	13.9
1,319,000	Chem Methods	38	-1	..	..	..
2,196,000	Cifer	14	+3	..e	..	9.5
85.6m	City Merchants	88	..	1.4	1.8	..
17.4m	Cityvision	62	+2	0.7	1.1	25.0
7,280,000	Circaprint	138	-7	2.6	1.9	9.0
12.1m	Clarke Hooper	146	-2	3.7	2.5	16.0
6,009,000	Clogau Gold	27	+1	..	..	..
44.7m	Cluff Oil Hdgs	90	-5	..	..	..
21.9m	Coated Electrodes	85	..	6.5	6.5	10.0
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	67	..	..	..	..
3,333,000	Colorgen Inc	30	..	..	..	..
20.9m	Colorgraphic	188	-7	6.2	3.3	14.8
27.8m	Colourvision	206	+3	4.6	2.2	19.3
9,853,000	Co of Designers	90	-5	..	..	10.8
8,301,000	Comp Financial	190	..	3.4	1.8	20.8
7,739,000	Compsoft	50	+2	..	..	8.4
21.8m	Cons Tem Invs	49	-1	..	..	32.9
9,868,000	Cont Microwave	185	● ..	4.0	2.2	14.6
35.8m	Cook (DC)	148	-5	3.8	2.6	..
13.6m	Copymore	126	..	2.7	2.1	15.0
16.4m	Corporate Prop	59	●-2	1.0	1.7	..
7,936,000	Cowells	108	..	4.1	3.8	13.8
8,670,000	Cramphorn	300	..	4.8	1.6	20.0
8,395,000	Cranbrook	85	+10	0.7	0.8	45.2
4,780,000	Cranswick	85	-2	7.6	8.9	8.3
5,224,000	Craton Lodge	91	-2	3.4	3.7	12.7
7,151,000	Creighton Labs	155	-2	5.3	2.7	18.6
6,127,000	Crown TV Prods	65	+9	..	..	24.6
8,215,000	Davies (DY)	185	●+5	8.5	3.5	12.2
9,591,000	Dean & Bowes	130	..	5.5	4.2	15.0
2,800,000	De Brett (Andre)	35	-1	..e	..	37.2
15.4m	De Morgan	93	..	2.3	2.5	..
3,803,000	Delmar	54	..	3.0	5.6	10.4
6,019,000	Denmans Elec	140	-2	5.6	4.0	8.6
59.4m	Dewey Warren	114	-5	..	..	7.7
10.6m	Dialene	280	..	4.1	1.5	15.3
23.7m	Dolphin Packaging	123	●-5	2.7	2.2	..
24.7m	Druck	394	-8	7.4	1.9	15.8
7,811,000	Duxton	28½	-1	0.8	3.0	16.8
5,388,000	Eadie	50	+2	4.9	9.8	11.0
6,571,000	Ealing Elect Optics	53	+2	2.1	4.0	6.7
—	Ecobric	39	..	..	..	..
10.9m	Econ Forestry	78	-2	4.1	6.3	11.0
3,865,000	Eden Oil & Gas	28	+1	..	..	72.5
27.2m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	355	..	10.6	3.0	14.6
15.3m	Electron House	140	● ..	5.6	4.0	78.2
5,625,000	Entertainment Prod	17½	+2	..	..	7.6
24.4m	Epwin	170	+2	5.5	3.2	..
14.0m	Eve Construction	150	● ..	6.9	4.6	10.2
42.5m	Expluera Hldgs	37½	+3	..	..	..
8,555,000	F & H Group	91	-2	..	..	17.1
5,925,000	Fairway London	75	● ..	4.1	5.5	13.0
5,917,000	Feedback	70	..	3.4	4.9	18.8
6,338,000	Fergebrook	25	+2	..e	..	2.1
147.0m	Fields (Mrs)	98	-3	..	..	..
19.9m	Filofax	139	-2	4.5	3.2	13.0
70.5m	Firstland	41	+1	..	..	..
18.6m	Fletcher Dennys	34	-1	..	..	7.9
9,823,000	Flextech	45	..	..	..	7.9
32.3m	Flogas	185	..	..	..	..
17.7m	Floyd Oil	30	-1	..	..	12.3
31.1m	Ford Seller	98	..	2.7	2.8	..
12.8m	Forward Gp	175	● ..	3.0	1.7	21.7
24.5m	French Conn	155	-3	7.2	4.6	13.4
60.0m	Fuller Smith 'A'	500	+3	7.5	1.5	20.3
5,109,000	GWR Gp	345	..	..	..	..
4,250,000	GC Flooring	45	-3	2.7	6.0	8.3
19.3m	Gabbcci	141	+6	4.9	3.5	12.3
8,568,000	Gardner (DC)	153	-4	4.1	2.7	17.8
7,451,000	Gee (Cecil)	83	-2	1.4	1.7	..
5,938,000	Gibbon Lyons	148	..	5.7	3.9	18.2
11.4m	Gibbs Mew	208	●-3	5.5	2.6	18.8
4,636,000	Global Gp	81	●+3	4.1	5.1	10.7
5,850,000	Godwin Warren	123	+2	3.0	2.4	17.5
21.0m	Goodhead Print	163	-3	5.5	3.4	12.8
10.2m	Graham Motor Gp	97	-1	1.7	1.8	..
9,840,000	Granyte Surface	71	-2	3.6	5.1	11.0
25.8m	Great Southern	267	+7	4.8	1.8	19.7
16.7m	Green (Ernest)	218	● ..	5.8	2.7	15.8
2,100,000	Greenwich Cable	30	..	..	..	..
13.9m	Gudehouse	93	-3	..	..	..
16.7m	Halls Homes	160	● ..	5.1	3.2	19.8
8,782,000	Hampden Homecare	88	-2	2.5	2.8	10.9
16.1m	Harmony Leisure	82	..	0.1	0.2	..
10.1m	Hatfield Estates	135	+7	2.1	1.6	..
46.6m	Hawthorn Leslie	29½	-½	0.3	1.0	29.5
9,851,000	Health Care	65	+5	1.2	1.8	18.5
3,737,000	Heavitree	720	..	17.0	2.4	19.4
6,956,000	Do 'A' LV	660	..	17.0	2.6	17.8
6,369,000	Hewetson	93	●+3	3.7	4.0	15.7
11.5m	Hey & Croft	153	-1	5.3	3.5	11.3
23.8m	Highland Part	184	..	..	..	..
5,099,000	Hile Ergonom	45	..	2.7	6.0	10.7
15.7m	Hobson	46	..	..	..	50.5
39.6m	Hodgson	223	r ..	3.2	1.4	19.2
1,327,000	Holders Tech	143	..	8.2	5.7	..
703.2m	Holmes Protection	127	+5	..	..	..
11.8m	Honeysuckle Gp	143	-2	5.6	3.9	13.8
11.8m	Hornby	148	-3	4.4	3.0	14.8
77.1m	Hughes Food	65	●-1	0.7	0.7	36.5
3,368,000	Hughes (HT)	78	+2	3.1	4.0	..
8,697,000	Humbrol Elec	28	+4	..	..	..
8,804,000	Huntleigh Tech	65	..	1.4	2.2	45.1
3,371,000	INSTEM	75	+2	3.4	4.5	16.3
—	Image Storage	47	-3	..	..	..
6,675,000	Imtec	10	r ..	..	..	1.3
2,184,000	IntraRed	33	-2	..	..	..
10.1m	Intereuropa Tech	195	●-5	8.8	4.5	8.4
73.1m	Interlink Express	450	●-10	9.3	2.1	23.8
20.9m	Israel (Jack L)	25	+¼	0.7	2.8	25.8
32.0m	Jacques Vert	350	-2	9.6	2.7	16.6
2,080,000	Jebsens	13	..	..	..	0.4
10.0m	Johnson Fry	100	..	3.4	3.4	12.1
11.8m	Johnsons Paints	113	●-2	6.5	5.8	10.0
10.3m	JSB Elec	197	+19	4.1	2.1	19.0
4,875,000	Just Rubber	65	..	2.7	4.2	11.1
37.4m	Kenyon Secs	273	-15	8.2	3.0	51.2
7,747,000	Kewill Systems	130	..	2.1	1.6	15.3
6,856,000	Klark-Teknik	43	..	1.8	4.2	9.8
9,268,000	Knobs & Knockers	113	+2	1.6	1.4	..
37.5m	Kunick	38½	..	1.4	3.6	..
5,418,000	LPA Ind	69	s -1	4.1	5.8	12.6
10.6m	Ladbaw Thomson	155	● ..	6.5	4.3	18.1
17.5m	LBMS Plc	145	+7	1.4	1.0	..
20.2m	Lawmar	85	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
95.6m	Local Lon Gp	480	+5	10.0	2.1	24.6
8,041,000	Lodge Care	117	+2	5.5	4.7	20.2
9,346,000	Lon & Clydeside	103	..	7.8	7.8	12.0
155.0m	Lon Forfaiting	155	+1	8.9	5.7	..
7,888,000	Lorin Elect	125	-5	4.8	3.8	9.1
7,780,000	Lysander Pet	30	-2	..	..	..
5,984,000	M6 Cash & Carry	71	+10	5.2	7.3	9.8
11.7m	MMT Comp	115	..	1.5	1.3	16.8
12.9m	MTL Inst New	75	..	2.7b	3.6	11.4
9,715,000	McLaughlin & Har	240	●-5	11.0	4.6	10.8
12.0m	Magnetic Materials	68	..	4.0	5.9	9.0
6,759,000	Malmet	175	● ..	2.4	1.4	30.5
13.0m	March Gp	110	●+3	5.8	5.3	..
19.8m	Marcol Gp	139	●+54	1.0	0.7	..
38.3m	Marine Dev	257	+2	..	..	..
21.3m	Martin (Ronald)	205	..	5.7	2.8	17.5
1,980,000	Masiprint	18	..	..	..	..
14.7m	Mayborn	78	..	4.8	6.2	9.3
5,340,000	Memory Comp	21½	-½	..	..	..
1,787,000	Memcom Intl Hldgs	17	-5	..	..	1.1
24.8m	Menvier-Swain	225	+5	4.7	2.1	19.4
16.0m	Merrydown Wine	380	..	7.5	2.0	21.8
11.8m	Metal Bulletin	131	●-5	6.8	5.0	15.8
17.6m	Metsec	138	+10	4.4	3.2	13.5
2,145,000	Michael (John)	25	-2	..e	..	10.4
37.6m	Microsystems	270	●-5	4.1	1.5	12.3
9,778,000	Microvitec	36	●+2	2.1	5.8	10.3
22.4m	Miller & Santhouse	370	+20	3.9	1.1	42.5
7,878,000	Millward Brown	112	-6	4.1	3.7	8.0
5,070,000	Miss World	260	●+15	11.0	4.2	13.3
22.7m	Mitys	232	●-8	1.6	0.7	27.0
9,032,000	Moinians Visions	33	..	..	..	18.9
18.8m	Monks & Crane	105	-3	4.4	4.2	9.8
41.0m	Monotype	223	+10	7.3	3.3	10.5
8,880,000	Moorgate	138	-4	2.5	1.8	16.9
2,674,000	Morris (William)	8	..	..	..	3.2
10.2m	Mowat	33	-3	..	..	..
7,436,000	Musterlin	110	+12	4.1	3.7	12.7
16.9m	New England Props	16½	+½	..	..	15.0
270,000	Do 10%	290	..	1000	11.1	..
10.3m	Newage Trans	88	●+5	4.8	5.5	7.7
—	Nimslo	..	..	..f	..	..
5,400,000	Norfolk House	108	..	..	..	..
3,118,000	Norbain	45	+6	1.0	2.2	..
32.6m	Nth Sea & Gen	42	..	..	..	8.3
7,540,000	Northumbrian Fine	85	-1	2.4	2.8	14.9
4,468,000	Oilfield Inspec	63	..	..e	..	9.4
—	Optometrics	15	-1	..	..	..
13.1m	Orchid Tech	238	..	..	..	..
17.7m	Osborne & Little	255	..	5.9	2.3	16.6
6,301,000	PCT	142	-3	4.9	3.5	20.7
21.8m	PML	51	-5	..	..	22.5
5,941,000	Pacer Systems	133	..	..	..	..
16.8m	Pacific Sales	245	●-8	2.7	1.1	38.7
84.5m	Parkway	285	-2	2.1	0.7	37.2
5,490,000	Pathfinders	23	..	..	..	..
5,713,000	Pavion	8½	..	..e	..	5.3
12.7m	Pegasus	238	-2	5.6	2.4	..
61.8m	Pepe Group	283	●-4	5.1	1.9	16.8
3,075,000	Pericom	41	..	1.4	3.4	20.5
13.8m	Perkins Foods	86	+6	1.5	1.6	27.5
13.3m	Personal Computer	266	-15	5.3	2.0	17.8
18.9m	Peters (Michael)	143	●-5	4.5	3.1	14.2
1,172,000	Petrogen	10	-½	..	..	..
6,000,000	Piccadilly Radio	75	●+2	3.1	4.1	18.9
18.8m	Pict Pet	80	..	..	..	10.9
11.8m	Pineapple	78	..	..	..	34.8
2,714,000	Plasmec	59	-1	3.8	6.4	7.4
3,265,000	Platon	80	..	2.3	2.9	4.4
26.9m	Plum Hldgs	215	-3	4.1	1.9	29.4
11.0m	Polytech Marine	123	+1	..	..	..
19.8m	Polon	116	..	..	..	..
3,108,000	Prism Leisure	88	..	2.0	2.3	7.8
8,205,000	Prontaprint	85	..	1.4	1.8	27.7
15.1m	Property Trust	2½	..	..	..	..
9,932,000	Quasco	138	-5	4.5	3.3	16.4
8,277,000	Quester	185	●-6	7.4	4.0	9.0
22.1m	RKF	85	-1	3.0	3.6	12.1
13.5m	Radamec	90	..	1.8	2.0	18.5
2,663,000	Radio City 'A'	121	..	..	..	15.4
6,693,000	Radio Clyde	116	+2	5.8	5.0	11.4
24.7m	Radius	118	s -3	2.9	2.5	32.5
3,874,000	Ramco Oil	23	..	..	..	5.6
5,111,000	Ramus	138	+3	8.9	6.4	7.5
95.9m	Randsworth	145	-4	1.4	1.0	39.2
5,180,000	Real Time Control	74	-3	2.7	3.6	12.9
8,543,000	Regina Health	51	+1	0.4	0.8	32.9
10.8m	Reliance Sec	105	..	6.2	5.9	9.8
1,993,000	Reliant Motor	86	+1	..	..	12.9
8,349,000	Resort Hotels	17½	..	0.6n	3.4	12.2
20.9m	Rockwood	82	●+2	0.6	0.7	18.3
4,612,000	Rolfe & Nolan	178	-1	4.8	2.7	19.5
6,076,000	Rural Planning	96	..	..	..	..
27.6m	SAC	135	+1	4.8	3.6	13.7
8,108,000	SEP Indl	29	-1	..	..	9.0
6,609,000	Sanders Sydney	142	..	8.2	5.8	16.8
2,906,000	Sapphire Pet	13½	r -12½	..	..	1.8
57.1m	Savage	185	..	3.4	1.8	23.7
3,429,000	Scantro	111	-6	3.4	3.1	15.9
76.0m	Scot Heritable	192	-7	6.9	3.6	10.8
11.8m	Sec Archives	180	-6	3.3	1.7	..
17.8m	Select App	175	..	3.4	1.9	24.6
2,607,000	SelecTV	19	+1	..	..	..
32.0m	Shere Drug Strs	305	..	4.1	1.3	25.9
27.1m	Sharp & Law	157	-5	4.1	2.6	21.4
4,293,000	Sheldon Jones	83	●+2	6.4	7.7	14.2
2,650,000	Shelton (Martin)	53	-2	2.4	4.5	..
14.5m	Sherwood Comp	283	+48	8.2	2.2	11.7
43.7m	Sherwood Group	380	+13	6.2	1.8	14.3
9,597,000	Shield	91	-11	4.1	4.5	11.0
9,540,000	Shoralpten	106	● ..	1.4	1.3	12.0
3,847,000	Shorco	157	+21	5.1	3.2	14.7
4,240,000	Sigmex	50	-3	1.5	3.0	4.6
52.8m	Sims Catering	400	-3	7.0	1.8	40.5
26.1m	Sinclair (William)	350	●-2	8.5	2.4	20.6
15.3m	Smallbone	272	r -8	7.1	2.6	20.7
5,000,000	Soundtracks	50	..	2.6	5.2	11.2
61.9m	Sthn Bus	308	..	6.3	2.0	14.4
9,637,000	SW Resources	18½	-½	..	..	36.3
4,850,000	Space Planning	93	● ..	2.7	2.9	25.8
33.6m	Spandex	355	+5	2.7	0.8	18.8
8,596,000	Spectrum	53	+4	..	..	5.8
12.4m	Spice	160	+2	4.9	3.1	12.3
5,384,000	Splash	71	r ..	3.0	4.2	22.3
4,304,000	Stanless Metal	80	●-1	6.2	7.8	..
8,658,000	Stanco Exhib	31	-3	..	..	..
222.2m	Stanhope Props	200	+3	..	..	..
15.2m	Sterling Pub	88	-2	3.0	3.4	16.7
12.3m	Sunleigh Elect	27	+1	0.8	3.0	8.4
13.0m	Sutherland	46	+1	1.5	3.3	16.4
10.7m	Synapse Comp	305	..	4.4	1.4	16.0
4,410,000	TDS Circuits	63	-5	..e	..	2.7
9,067,000	TMD Advert	156	-2	3.3	2.1	15.3
21.0m	TSB Chan Islands	143	-2	5.7	4.0	8.7
84.8m	TV-AM	129	-2	7.5	5.8	8.5
14.7m	Task Force	180	● ..	4.0	2.2	17.5
23.9m	Tay Homes	337	-7	8.9	2.8	9.5
6,807,000	Telecomputing	143	-5	2.1	1.5	11.8
7,796,000	Thornton GW	135	..	5.1	3.8	10.8
2,991,000	Thorpac	33	-1	1.6	4.8	13.3
6,904,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	82	-13	4.6	5.8	12.7
9,002,000	Tilon	83	+1	..	..	..
8,600,000	Total Systems	86	..	3.4	4.0	16.0
2,849,000	Towngrade Sec	50	..	..	..	60.5
5,940,000	Transrap Hldgs	60	-1	..	..	..
77.0m	Trencherwood	360	●+6	5.2	1.4	15.2
6,011,000	Trewan Hldgs	65	..	1.4n	2.2	7.0
19.2m	Trilion	66	+1	1.6	2.4	14.7
10.4m	Tubular Exhib	23	+2	..	..	..
11.1m	Tudor	105	..	6.2	5.9	..
13.3m	UCL Group	152	+2	..	..	..
—	URS Ind	58	-5	..	..	..
27.3m	UTC Group	188	-14	11.0	5.9	30.8
84.8m	Utd Friendly	545	-10	31.4	5.8	..
9,900,000	Usher (Frank)	143	-3	8.8	6.2	10.1
3,760,000	WSP Hldgs	63	..	2.2	3.5	14.0
7,326,000	Wayne Kerr	70	..	2.5	3.6	12.7
6,824,000	Welpac	28	+4	0.5	1.9	17.7
1,855,000	Wentworth	38	-3	2.4	6.3	12.3
7,074,000	West Yorkshire	163	..	6.2	3.8	15.4
10.9m	Whinney Mackay	205	-5	3.8	1.9	26.3
11.7m	Willaire Syst	23½	+2	0.1	0.4	57.3
10.5m	William (Rex) Hldgs	45	+1	1.0	2.2	38.8
11.3m	Wood John D & Co	147	●-3	3.4	2.3	14.9
13.5m	Wookons Better	135	..	5.3	3.9	16.6
8,000,000	Wld of Leather	100	● ..	4.4	4.4	13.9
9,036,000	Wyevale	150	●+2	4.0	2.7	15.8
12.3m	Wyko	70	● ..	3.6	5.1	18.8
3,372,000	Yelverton	29	+1	..	..	28.9
30.3m	York Tst Gp	58	+4	2.0	3.4	13.4
11.3m	Zygal Dynamics	78	..	1.4	1.8	11.2

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
382.5m	Alliance	759	●-2	37.7	5.0	27.3
98.5m	Amer Trust	120	+6	4.7	3.9	26.0
223.2m	Ang & O'seas	195½	s +5½	5.1	2.6	44.2
103.3m	Atlantic Assets	44	+1	1.4b	3.2	69.8
104.5m	Bankers	67½	+½	2.3	3.4	44.4
243.8m	Br Assets	63½	●+2	3.3	5.2	25.7
51.8m	Br Empire Sec	39	+1	0.8	2.1	33.3
302.8m	Br Inv	485	+3	24.1	5.0	23.9
65.5m	Brunner	104	..	3.8	3.7	36.6
61.0m	CDFC Tst	61	..	..	..	..
—	Do 6¼% Ln	287½	● ..	650	7.4	..
142.2m	Cont & Ind	840	● ..	68.5	8.2	16.1
101.0m	Crescent Japan	150	●+5	0.8	0.4	..
18.4m	Derby Inc	156	..	14.9	9.6	14.4
18.0m	Do Cap	140	..	..	..	..
144.5m	Drayton Cons	427	..	16.4	3.8	35.1
42.4m	Drayton Far East	252	●+8	2.1	0.8	..
257.4m	Drayton Japan	953	●+15	5.8	0.6	..
43.8m	Dundee Lon	261	-2	9.3	3.6	37.3
421.2m	Edinburgh	147	+3	5.4	3.7	38.8
67.8m	Electric Gen	75	+1	1.6	2.1	..
42.9m	English Int	208	..	6.2	3.0	47.8
74.3m	English Scot	93	● ..	2.3	2.5	37.2
203.1m	Ensign	70	●+1	1.4	2.0	64.8
20.9m	F & C Eurotrust	176	+1	2.6	1.5	84.6
134.9m	F & C Pacific	127	+7	1.4	1.1	..
58.8m	F &C Smaller	66	+1	..	..	..
8,250,000	First Charlotte	11	-½	0.1	0.9	..
122.2m	First Scot Amer	386	●+3	19.2	5.0	25.5
73.4m	Fleming American	111	●+2	2.1	1.9	77.8
46.0m	Fleming Claver	230	+2	8.6	3.7	35.9
45.8m	Fleming Enterprise	114	● ..	3.2	2.8	54.3
267.8m	Fleming Far East	177	+6	1.1	0.6	..
23.8m	Fleming Fledgling	188	● ..	3.6	1.9	71.8
159.0m	Fleming Japan	207	+7	0.3	0.1	..
241.3m	Fleming Mercantile	167	●+2½	5.6	3.4	44.8
195.2m	Fleming Overseas	147	+3	3.1	2.1	70.0
61.1m	Fleming Tech	155	+2	1.1	0.7	..
93.6m	Fleming Universal	135	+1	2.1	1.6	..
528.1m	For Col	100½	●+1½	2.7	2.7	49.5
76.4m	GBC Capital	105	+4	..	..	..
93.5m	GT Japan	300	+10	1.9	0.6	..
13.4m	General Cons Cap	68	-2	..	..	..
40.2m	Do Inc	102	+2	..	..	..
714.4m	Globe (as)	136	+3	5.8	4.3	30.6
95.6m	Govett Atlantic	118	+5	4.1b	3.5	42.9
234.5m	Govett Oriental	261	+2	1.6b	0.6	..
210.0m	Govett Strategy	214	+3	5.5	2.6	40.2
27.7m	Greenfriar	289	-2	3.4	1.2	73.4
17.4m	Gresham House	405	+5	7.5	1.9	32.7
103.6m	Hambros	194	..	8.0	4.1	40.4
40.6m	Invest in Success	133	●+5	4.1	3.1	40.4
196.0m	Inv Cap	317	+2	18.0	5.7	23.1
38.9m	Ivory & Sime	126	r -8	7.9	6.3	14.3
46.7m	Japan Assets	75	+2	0.1	0.1	..
92.3m	Kleinwort Charter	114	+4	4.0	3.5	38.0
97.0m	Kleinwort O 'seas	121	●+6	3.6	3.0	44.6
18.3m	Kleinwort Smaller	418	● ..	13.3	3.2	46.4
61.9m	Law Debenture	273	●+2	11.6	4.2	25.2
44.5m	Lon Amer Ventures	49	+2	1.0e	2.0	..
159.7m	Lon Merchant Sec	100	..	3.8	3.8	20.2
140.1m	Merchants	137	●+1	7.4	6.4	25.3
1,366.6m	Merrill Lynch	£12⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
154.4m	Monks	199	..	4.0	2.0	64.8
145.1m	Murray Income	176	●+1	9.3	5.3	26.8
181.1m	Murray Intl	168	●+2	7.8	4.6	31.7
76.5m	Murray Small	138	..	2.5b	1.8	73.8
51.0m	Murray Venture	245	+4	7.7	3.1	51.1
5,402,000	New Darien Oil	54	● ..	1.0	1.9	..
38.3m	Nwthrog Inc 88	98	..	6.6	6.7	19.7
80.3m	New Tokyo	142	+2	..e	..	..
3,024,000	Nth Sea Assets	21	..	..	..	6.2
118.3m	Nthn Amer	347	+2	7.4	2.1	68.7
63.1m	O'seas Inv Tst	169	s +2	2.4	1.4	..
14.5m	Pacific Assets	121	●+4	1.2	1.0	..
6,420,000	Personal Assets	43	-1	0.7	1.6	74.1
113.1m	Raeburn	423	-2	22.6	5.3	24.0
13.8m	River & Merc	46	-4	..	..	..
—	Robeco	260	+4	..	..	..
—	Rolinco	242	+4	..	..	..
90.3m	Romney	316	●+2	5.5	1.7	80.2
3,225.0m	Rorento	£16⅛	..	..	..	..
57.0m	St Andrew Inv Tst	186	●+1	5.8	3.5	36.9
72.4m	Schroder Global	201	-2	6.0	3.0	48.2
369.0m	Scottish	121	+3	3.4	2.8	53.1
192.3m	Scot American	86	●+3	2.9	3.4	41.1
244.9m	Scot Eastern	116	●-1	3.2	2.8	47.0
17.5m	Scot Merc 'A'	110	..	6.9	6.3	22.1
—	Scot Mtge	98	..	..	..	..
131.1m	Second Alliance	683	●-8	28.8	4.2	30.6
158.5m	Secs Tst of Scotlnd	99	+1	4.9b	4.9	32.1
39.3m	Smaller Cps	100	..	1.4	1.4	87.1
27.8m	Stad Burrill	158	●-1	13.7	8.7	9.8
30.1m	TR Australia	98	+3	3.3	3.4	39.7
133.8m	TR City Of Lon Dld	70	+4	3.5b	5.0	29.0
489.1m	TR Ind & Gen	113	+2	3.1	2.7	45.2
65.3m	TR Natural Res	55	+4	2.8	5.1	24.4
56.9m	TR North America	89	+6	2.7b	3.0	39.7
30.8m	TR Pacific	46	+1	..	..	..
123.1m	TR Property	95	+2	2.0	2.1	58.3
250.5m	TR Tech	58	-1	1.4	2.4	49.2
201.3m	TR Trustees	113	..	3.1	2.7	45.6
117.3m	Temple Bar	205	●-3	9.5	4.6	28.4
230.3m	Throgmorton	411	●-1	14.5	3.5	33.9
9,625,000	Throg Dual	275	-10	..	..	..
82.5m	Tribune	161	●+1	4.9	3.0	43.3
22.3m	Triplevest Inc	93	+2	19.9	21.4	6.4
39.5m	USDC Investment	108	●-2	3.6	3.3	84.7
10.2m	Value Inc Tst	54	..	1.7	3.1	76.1
19.6m	Viking Resources	49	..	2.7	5.5	30.4
101.8m	Westpool	90	..	2.3	2.6	42.7
385.5m	Witan	107	+2	3.0	2.8	61.4

THIRD MARKET

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,501,000	Abelscot	178	+10	6.3	3.5	11.1
3,285,000	Allied Ins	104	..	6.5	5.3	13.3
3,128,000	Amercoeur	28	-2	..	..	..
1,608,000	Andeman Res	78	f ..	..	..	..
9,926,000	Beckenham	75	+2	..	..	..
—	Broadcast	159	-1	..	..	..
6,720,000	Camotech	98	+2	2.8	2.8	26.5
2,688,000	Chelsea Art	140	..	..	..	..
884,000	Chemex Ind	33	-2	..	..	..
1,184,000	Comac	80	+5	3.3	4.1	11.3
19.6m	Corton Bch	57	..	0.6	1.1	16.4
41.8m	Crown Eye	130	..	..	..	39.4
174,000	Eglinton	12	..	..	..	..
11.5m	Fir E Res	115	-8	..	..	..
9,654,000	Honorbill	38	+3	..	..	..
2,036,000	Kemp (PE)	45	-1	..	..	8.4
45.5m	Leading Lsr	89	-1	1.6	1.8	18.2
1,837,000	Lynx Tech	50	..	..	..	5.7
8,888,000	Medrace	103	-7	..	..	..
0.227.0m	Norton Gp	22	+2	..	..	..
1,490,000	Pennine Optical	50	..	..	..	13.5
2,032,000	Pub Hldgs	15	-4	..	..	8.7
4,476,000	Seacon	70	..	..	..	..
18.5m	Takare	213	..	..	..	..
7,582,000	Theme Hldgs	45	●+2	1.4	3.1	23.6
5,237,000	UPL	120	..	..	..	..
5,346,000	Unit Group	132	● ..	8.9	5.2	7.4

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Period of bids validity should be 150 days from the opening of bids. Closing date for the bids will be 15/5/1988.

Bids should be submitted in four copies marked "Bid No. 3. Agricultural Implements Wadi Hajr Project".

Addressed to: The Secretary, Central Tender Board, Public Treasure Crater, Aden.

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Base Rate

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Standard Chartered Bank
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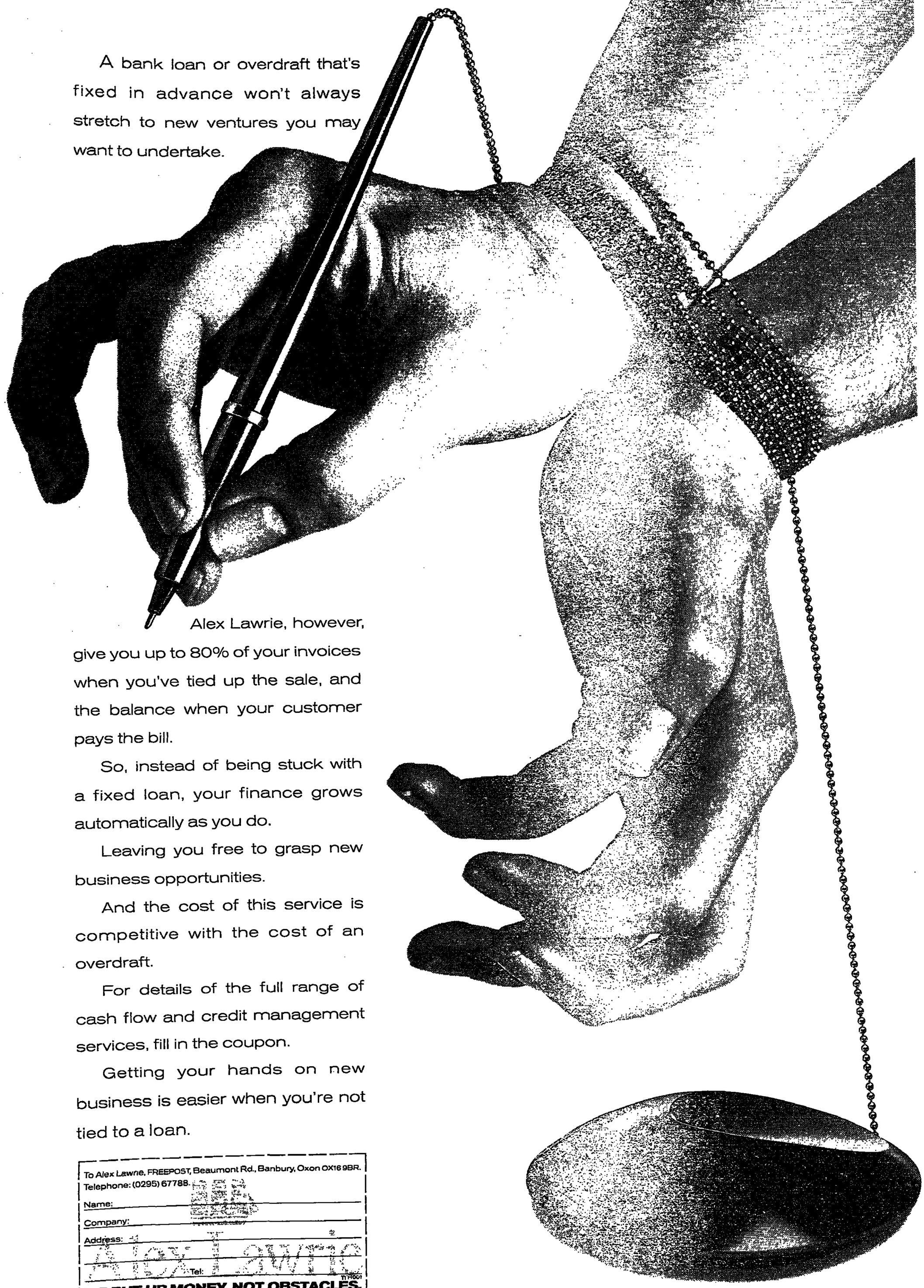
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
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3	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
4	Young 'A'	Breweries	
5	Lancaster	Motors,Aircraft	
6	Elan	Drapery,Stores	
7	Beauford	Industrials A-D	
8	Chamberlain Ph	Industrials A-D	
9	BSR	Electricals	
10	Blick	Electricals	
11	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
12	FKI Babcock	Electricals	
13	Thomson T-Line	Industrials S-Z	
14	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
15	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	
16	CH Ind	Industrials A-D	
17	Smith Ind	Industrials S-Z	
18	Chrysalis	Leisure	
19	Pleasurama	Leisure	
20	Pentland Ind	Industrials L-R	
21	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stores	
22	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
23	Utd Newspapers (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
24	Adwest	Industrials A-D	
25	Rockware	Industrials L-R	
26	Jaguar (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
27	Rolls-Royce (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
28	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	Breweries	
29	Barbour Index	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
31	Wood (SW)	Industrials S-Z	
32	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
33	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
34	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
35	Hammerson	Property	
36	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
37	LWT Hldgs	Cinemas,TV	
38	News International	Newspapers,Pub	
39	Intl Bus Comms	Newspapers,Pub	
40	Anglia Sc	Building,Roads	
41	Bryant	Building,Roads	
42	Booker	Foods	
43	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
44	Carrs Milling	Foods	

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin today. Dealings end April 22. §Contango day April 25. Settlement day May 3.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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BREWERIES

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,923.9m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	392	+9	16.2	4.1	11.6
2,863.6m	Bass (aa)	845	+1	26.6	3.2	12.6
91.6m	Belhaven	49	+1	14	2.9	14.4
1,23.3m	Bowdon	153	-2	5.4	4.1	14.5
29.2m	Buckleys	183	-1	4.4	2.4	58.5
91.2m	Bulmer (H P)	176	+1	8.2	4.7	12.5
31.0m	Burtonwood Brew	149		4.0	2.7	24.1
33.5m	Clark (Matthew)	377	●-1	13.7	3.6	12.6
122.8m	Dewhirst (JA)	336	-5	41	1.3	28.7
240.8m	Greenall Whitley	213	+8	8.2	3.8	12.1
188.8m	Greene King	460	+4	9.3	2.1	22.1
2,483.9m	Guinness (aa)	363	+8	12.6	4.2	9.8
27.8m	Hardys & Hansons	695	-2	29.5	4.2	13.0
120.0m	Highland Dist	97	-2	3.4	3.5	15.2
47.3m	Invergordon Distl	295	●	7.9	3.8	12.5
130.2m	Irish Dist	208	-2	..	..	..
103.5m	Marston Thompson	119	..	3.6	3.0	15.0
41.1m	Morland	498	..	10.8	2.2	19.7
933.9m	SA Breweries	319	-25	..	..	..
1,040.1m	Scot & Newc (aa)	265	+20	11.3	4.0	15.8
251.7m	Vaux Grp	534	..	19.5	3.7	16.3
1,277.6m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	357	+5	12.8	4.1	13.9
53.9m	Do 'B'	325	..	12.5	3.9	13.7
153.6m	Whitbread Inv -	367	+7	11.6	3.8	35.7
247.6m	Wolverhmptn & D	383	..	8.0	2.1	16.3
11.4m	Young 'A'	395	+7	12.3	3.1	23.0

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
85.2m	Abbey	220	-3	17.8	4.7	11.0
243.5m	Amec	381	+2½	17.8	4.7	11.0
66.7m	Anglia Sec	418	+7	22	5.3	9.4
66.1m	Anglo Utd	54	●+9	1.4	2.6	24.8
5,900.000	Arnclffe	118	●	4.3	3.6	7.4
152.9m	Attwoods	231	+1	9.8	4.2	10.1
1,193.5m	BPB Ind (aa)	293	+6	9.6	3.3	12.7
55.5m	Baggeridge Brick	276	-2	4.5	1.6	19.6
3,668.000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	70	-1	1.9	2.7	14.5
338.8m	Barratt Devs	190		12.5	6.6	12.5
66.4m	Berkeley	209	-2	11.0	5.3	9.5
30.4m	Betterwick	98		2.9	3.0	8.8
149.0m	Berkeley Gp	356	+2½	3.6	1.0	26.6
15.0m	Bett Bros	108	+6	4.8	4.4	9.2
46.2m	Blockleys	395	+10	7.4	1.9	32.2
1,137.3m	Blue Circle (aa)	440	-1	18.5	4.2	11.8
29.8m	Breedon PLC	245	..	8.7	3.5	26.0
20.0m	Br Dredging	116	..	6.9	5.9	21.1
10.7m	Brown & Jackson	38		..	..	10.8
266.3m	Bryant	139	●+5	4.4	3.3	15.7
16.3m	Burnett & Hallam	10½	+½	..	..	1.1
328.0m	CRH	116	●-2	..	..	..
5,775.000	Calebread Robey	110		5.2	4.7	13.8
158.5m	Caradon	295	-8	10.3n	3.5	17.2
29.3m	Charrington	116	..	14	1.2	12.5
24.1m	Condor Grp	230		8.2	2.1	30.1
7,833.000	Costain PLC	139	-5	2.4	1.9	73.6
538.7m	Costain	142		10.3	3.8	11.7
101.8m	Countryside	283	●+12	2.6	0.9	13.9
107.8m	Crest Nicholson	210	●+2	7.8	3.7	10.8
9,656.000	Crosby James	68	●+2	2.4	3.5	27
42.9m	Douglas (RM)	283	-2	4.3b	1.5	22.2
37.5m	Erith	97	..	4.1	4.2	13.1
25.2m	Fedorated Hsg	276	●+3	8.9	2.5	16.1
19.7m	Fenlan Gp	77	-1	6.2	5.7	11.6
41.5m	Galleord	62	●+2	3.8	6.1	13.9
4,002.000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	230		3.6	1.6	30.3
49.5m	Gleeson (MJ)	495	+5	9.1	1.8	11.8
26.7m	Harrison Ind	225		8.2	3.6	13.9
83.4m	Henderson	370	+1	10.3	2.8	34.1
131.3m	Hewden-Stuart	130½	+1½	27	2.1	19.7
146.8m	Heywood Williams	297	●+2	13.0	4.4	10.8
110.8m	Higgs & Hill	230	-8	12.3	5.3	10.3
13.3m	Holland Hldgs	53	-1	1.9	3.6	9.7
347.5m	Ibstock Johnsen	177	+1	8.0	4.5	18.3
10.2m	Jarvis (J) & Sons	126	●+7	2.4	1.9	..
139.8m	Lang (J)	316	-2	9.6	3.0	10.7
133.6m	Do 'A'	316	-3	9.6	3.0	9.2
65.9m	Lawrence (Walter)	145	+8	5.8	4.0	14.1
32.0m	Lilley (FJC)	40	..	..	..	5.2
135.9m	Lovell (YJ)	240	●-1	8.9	2.9	11.5
448.1m	Magnet (aa)	245	+15	8.6	3.5	15.6
56.4m	Manders	361	..	15.1	4.0	16.4
405.2m	Marley	147	-1	6.9	4.7	10.4
107.9m	Marshalls (Halifax)	361	+1	8.9	3.4	17.9
22.1m	Mainchem Ltl	91	..	2.2	2.4	17.7
153.7m	McAlpine (Alfred)	436	●+12	21.9	5.0	8.8
245.3m	McCarthy & S	488	..	6.6	1.1	14.7
367.1m	Meyer Int	378	+8	9.9	2.6	12.4
4,080.000	Miller (Stanley)	223	+10	4.7	2.1	16.4
354.4m	Mowlem (John)	416	+7	22.3	5.3	12.4
123.5m	Newarnal	512½	..	17.1	3.3	27.5
111.4m	Newman Tonks	176	●+1	10.6	6.0	12.8
128.5m	Persimmon	169	●+10	4.1	2.4	13.2
47.2m	Pochin Timber	95	-5	3.4	3.6	11.3
7,844.000	Pochins	735	●	21.9	3.0	8.1
877.9m	RMC Gp (aa)	450	-11	13.4	2.9	15.1
126.4m	Rains Ind	88½	-½	6.5	0.5	20.3
1,138.3m	Redland (aa)	420	+7	15.7	3.7	11.9
53.9m	Ruberoid	147	-5	5.8	3.9	10.3
374.5m	Rugby Group	252	+15	11.6	4.4	11.7
99.7m	Sandell Perkins	227	-1	6.3	2.8	14.8
41.6m	Sharpe & Fisher	210	-5	5.5	2.6	14.8
12.4m	Shaw (J)	123	..	7.2	5.9	10.4
429.8m	Smedley	345	+12	12.7	3.7	11.2
1,704.1m	Tarmac (aa)	240	..	8.7	3.6	15.1
641.6m	Taylor Woodrow	415	+11	13.4	3.2	13.6
67.6m	Tilbury Grp	338	+1	12.6	3.7	10.8
122.0m	Travis & Arnold	346	+7	8.9	2.6	10.5
8,588.000	Trent	136	-8	16	1.2	19.1
19.5m	Turriff	311	+1	13.7	4.4	11.1
51.4m	Wernpiant	663	-10	17.1	2.6	22.1
34.6m	Ward Group	158	+3	3.4	2.2	17.8
85.6m	Ward Hldgs	163	●	3.3	2.0	10.4
6,935.000	Warrington	280				10.3
54.4m	Watts Blake	269	-6	8.4	3.1	15.0
88.0m	Westbury	249	-2	6.8	2.7	13.4
30.2m	Wiggins	135	+1	7.1	3.6	15.5
134.0m	Wilson Bowden	201	+4	5.8	2.9	11.0
332.4m	Wilson (Connolly)	376	+5	12.6	4.1	13.9
713.6m	Wimpey G (aa)	253	●+8	9.3	3.7	10.1
13.9m	YRM	116	-2	3.3	2.8	12.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
333.2m	Allied Colloids	131	+4	2.8	2.1	18.0
238.0m	Amersham	467	+1	11.8	2.5	19.0
64.2m	BTP	144		7.9	5.5	15.5
4,756.7m	Boyer DM50	284½				
48.5m	Bradon	158	●-1	10.6	6.7	11.4
73.5m	Brent Chems	137	+2	7.1b	5.2	11.9
33.6m	Canning (W)	185	+1	7.3	3.9	15.7
286.6m	Coalite	293	+1	12.3	4.2	9.4
206.2m	Coates Bros	322	●+3	10.6	3.3	10.1
4,800.000	Cory (Horace)	25	+4	1.0	4.0	29.8
219.7m	Crode	190	..	12.3	6.5	10.1
19.3m	Do Dfd	182				9.8
63.5m	Ellis & Everard	177	-1	6.7	3.8	13.8
61.4m	Evode	158	●+3	6.1	3.9	13.2
189.4m	Fosseco-Minsep	230	+8	13.4	5.8	14.9
34.4m	Halstead (James)	240		9.9	4.1	10.7
139.9m	Hickson	165	-1	7.0	4.2	10.3
4,197.8m	Hoechst DM50	283	-½			
6,769.7m	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	810	●+½	56.2	5.8	8.5
505.1m	Laporte (aa)	369	+9	14.9	4.0	13.3
52.9m	Leigh	208	+½	6.3	3.0	30.2
1,454.8m	Norsk Hydro	217	-½			
56.3m	Physu	130	-3	3.7	2.1	18.0
257.1m	Rexbrook Hldgs	286		8.8	3.1	14.7
354.3m	Rentokil	134	+6	4.6	2.4	15.5
74.2m	Secus	378	+3	4.1	1.1	13.5
21.5m	Sutcliffe Speakman	150	+4	..	..	9.7
15.4m	Wolstenholme Rmk	310	+15	14.0	4.5	9.2
39.7m	Yorkshire Chem	224	●+8	9.6	4.3	9.2
36.6m	Yule Catto	113	+5	4.1	3.6	16.2

CINEMAS, TV

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
67.7m	Anglia TV 'A'	393	●+6	19.9	5.1	21.8
134.1m	Central TV	523	-1	30.1	5.8	17.4
5,748.000	Grampian	44		3.2	7.3	5.7
46.2m	HTV Group	219	●+2	14.1	6.4	6.4
110.1m	LWT Hldgs	158	●+6	8.1	5.1	8.2
41.5m	Scot TV	388	●	21.2	5.5	7.6
101.2m	TVS	292	●-1	17.1	5.9	7.8
14.0m	TSW	65	●+1	3.8	5.8	10.0
147.5m	Thames TV	368		17.0	5.5	9.3
84.8m	TV-AM	178	-½	7.5	4.8	8.0
27.4m	Tyne Tees TV	538	●+8	37.7	7.0	6.8
8,648.000	Ulster TV	68	+2	5.1	7.5	7.3
60.1m	Yorkshire TV	181	●+11	11.0	6.1	7.2

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
70.0m	Alexon	257	-3	8.9	2.5	15.7
6,846.000	Amber Day	34	-1	..	..	..
19.0m	Aquascutum 'A'	71	+1	4.1	5.8	13.0
229.5m	Ashley (Laura)	115	+1	3.2	2.8	17.5
9,011.000	Austin Reed	343				
53.7m	Do A	215	+5			
55.8m	Bentley (James) 'A'	216	+3	4.7	3.8	13.2
89.6m	Bernards	183	-5	3.7	1.9	35.6
59.1m	Blacks Leis	16½				
204.2m	Body Shop	480	+25	2.1	0.4	51.1
8,774.000	Bremner	75	+2	1.0	1.3	56.0
173.9m	Brown (N)	305		5.7	1.9	..
1,310.3m	Burton (aa)	238	-1	10.4	4.4	11.9
11.9m	Cantors 'A'	95	●	2.3	2.5	19.2
33.8m	Casket plc	83		3.6	4.3	9.8
48.6m	Church	440	+10	15.8	3.6	12.5
1,206.5m	Coats Viyella (aa)	230	-4	11.8	5.1	9.7
30.9m	Courts (Furn) 'A'	178	●	7.1	4.0	17.0
33.3m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	435	-10	11.8	2.7	9.2
58.5m	Dawsons (U)	43	+1	6.3	2.8	14.8
647.6m	Dixons Grp (aa)	174	+1	5.5	3.2	9.1
202.4m	Dunnil	180	+3	2.8	1.6	4.8
99.6m	ERA Gp	87	+2	3.4	3.9	12.8
17.2m	Ellis & Goldstein	69		3.6	5.1	7.5
8,196.000	Elys (Wimbledon)	583	+6	16.2	2.4	17.9
81.8m	Empire Stores	215	+3	7.2	3.4	23.9
17.1m	Etam	242	+6	8.8	2.6	18.2
155.7m	Fine Art Dev	210	-2	6.8	3.2	10.7
9,419.000	Formaster	395		10.2	3.5	9.4
20.2m	Gent SR	56	●	1.6	2.9	16.8
33.1m	Goldberg (A)	194	+11	6.7	3.5	18.5
88.9m	GUS 'B'	216½	..	34.9b	3.3	18.5
2,586.6m	Do 'A' (aa)	210½	..	34.9	3.3	11.9
296.6m	Harris Queensway	127	+3	7.9	6.2	9.6
18.8m	Hellene Of London	35	..	2.2	6.3	10.9
158.0m	Hogg Robinson plc	226	●+5	4.9	2.2	19.5
17.4m	Hollis	61	●	3.7	6.1	14.1
10.4m	House Of Lerose	183	-2	13.3	7.3	13.1
14.2m	Leslie Wise Gp	50		2.7	5.4	11.1
50.9m	Liberty	511		13.4	1.2	34.5
4,678.0m	Marks Spencer (aa)	176	+1	6.4	3.6	17.3
295.5m	Menzies (John)	370	+1	8.6	1.8	14.7
32.6m	Moss Bros	210½	+½	4.6	2.2	40.3
929.6m	Next (aa)	357	+½	8.4	3.3	13.3
9,690.000	Oliver (G)	380		17.1	4.5	28.3
87.9m	Parsons	113		4.1	3.6	15.7
20.3m	Prosdy (Alfred)	223	+7½	5.7	2.6	60.8
443.1m	Rainers Group	269	+16	5.8	2.2	13.1
51.7m	Do Pf	158	●+8	8.0	5.1	..
8,316.000	S & U Stores	450	+5	4.8	1.1	17.2
1,870.0m	Sears (aa)	125	+1	4.0	3.2	14.2
504.3m	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	306	+12	11.5	3.8	15.1
82.6m	Do 'B'	59½		2.3	3.9	14.7
57.2m	Sock Shop	280	+20	1.1	0.4	46.8
13.2m	Stanley (AG)	199	..	5.1	2.6	27.2
53.6m	Steed & Simpson 'A'	94		5.8	6.0	15.2
1,004.2m	Storehouse (aa)	246	+14	12.1	4.9	13.1
13.6m	Stormguard	10				14.9
2,324.000	Sumrie Clothes	43	●-2			
87.5m	T & S Stores	196	+5	2.9	1.9	15.8
56.4m	Tibbet & Britten	215	+16	6.2	2.9	18.5
44.5m	Tie Rack	130	+1	1.5	1.2	..
79.8m	Time Products	155	..	5.9	3.8	12.1
78.7m	Underwoods	146	+4	3.4	2.3	27.4
59.4m	Vivat	146	-2	3.7	2.5	11.2
393.2m	Wallis White	337	+11	12.1	3.6	14.3
67.7m	Wickes	280	..	2.1	0.8	22.8
22.3m	Whiting Office	200	..	4.5	2.3	21.2
22.0m	Windsmoor	100	+3	4.5	4.5	11.8
1,245.4m	Woolworth (aa)	236	+15	12.3	4.3	8.4

ELECTRICALS

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
104.7m	AB Elect	418	+13	18.5	4.4	17.5
10.7m	Admiral Comp	166	+18	4.0	3.8	13.3
34.3m	Alba	66	-3	6.0b	9.1	..
41.8m	Alphameric	277	+2	3.6	1.4	16.8
812.2m	Amstrad (aa)	184	●+9	1.1	0.6	16.2
91.2m	Apricot Computers	184	+1	0.7	0.4	13.8
14.6m	Arlen	135	..	3.4b	2.5	12.2
339.2m	Atlantic Comp	390	+9	6.9	1.8	11.3
6,007.000	Audio Fidelity	122	-10	0.7	0.6	9.5
168.1m	Auto Sec	228	-3	3.0	1.3	14.8
6,566.000	Beacon Gp	38	-2	..	..	..
45.1m	Bennett & Fountain	35	+1	1.0	2.9	17.9
726.4m	BICC (aa)	318	+13	17.8	5.6	10.0
140.2m	BSR	83	+5	3.0	3.6	8.7
37.1m	Blick	184	●+5	5.8	3.2	13.3
30.2m	Borland	106	+2	..	..	..
260.1m	Boxthorpe	167	..	4.5p	2.7	12.7
200.5m	Brisnrose Securny	198	●+2	9.7	1.4	16.3
15,030.0m	Br Telecom (aa)	250	+7	12.1	4.8	11.9
54.5m	Brown Boveri Kent	85	+1	5.1	6.0	8.8
4,420.000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	117	+2	0.1	0.6	29.8
116.8m	CAP Group	291	+8	2.6	0.9	27.9
54.2m	CASE	82	+7	0.1	0.1	8.9
3,430.2m	Cable Wireless (aa)	233	●+17	8.0	3.4	16.7
65.3m	Cambridge Elec	225	●+3	11.5	5.2	11.2
42.9m	Cambridge Instr	44	+4	1.0	2.3	4.3
114.8m	Chloride	49	+1	2.6	5.3	13.4
153.1m	Cray Elect	208	●-20	2.7	1.3	18.6
46.4m	Cryoserms	149	-9	8.0	5.4	7.5
4,013.000	DOT Group	62	-3	1.6	2.6	11.0
10.7m	Dale Elec	90	●-1	5.1	5.7	16.5
1,800.000	Dewhurst	500	●+1	1.8	3.6	11.1
1,728.900	Do 'A'	48	●-1	1.9	4.0	10.9
60.3m	Domino	302	●+5	3.8	1.3	15.0
48.3m	Dowding & Mills	58	-3	2.4	4.3	13.8
52.4m	Dubilier	144	-4	3.3	2.3	7.5
405.7m	Electrocomponents	199	●+2	5.3	2.7	15.6
9,526.000	Elec Data Process	111	●+1	2.9	2.6	8.3
1,565.000	Electronic Mach	85	-5	1.2	1.9	19.3
104.1m	Emess	413	..	11.0	2.7	15.3
97.8m	Eurotherm	343	●+18	8.3	2.4	12.5
547.9m	FKI Babcock	122	+5	2.2	1.8	18.8
209.5m	Farnell Elect	184	+4	4.1	2.2	15.4
598.1m	Ferranti (aa)	80	+2	2.5	3.5	11.2
21.0m	Forward Tech	62	-1	1.4	2.3	9.8
3,815.0m	GEC (aa)	143	●-2	7.7	5.4	9.1
25.0m	Harland Simon	205	-2	2.6	1.3	14.8
4,026.000	Highland Elect	45	-2	3.4	7.4	6.8
96.0m	Hoskyns Gp	262	-2	2.9	1.1	23.5
15.4m	ITL Gp	54	-4	2.7	5.0	..
32.3m	Jones Stroud	175	-5	3.7	4.1	11.5
21.5m	Kode	383	●+1	21.2	5.5	12.5
20.5m	Lec Refrigeration	340	+26	18.5	5.4	9.4
140.5m	Logica	284	+46	2.6	0.9	19.9
57.5m	Micro 4	266		4.5	1.7	23.9
56.9m	Micmec	210	+13	5.7	2.7	13.7
48.7m	MK80	73	+1	1.4	1.9	15.2
39.3m	Microfilm Repro	491	●+6	4.3	1.1	39.6
16.6m	Micro Focus	138	-2	..	..	..
99.3m	Microgen	268	●-7	7.5	2.8	16.5
115.3m	Mitel	146	+6	..	..	..
	Molex	221	+½	..	..	..
8,250.000	Multitone Elect	55	..	2.1b	3.8	41.4
9,900.000	Murray Elect	32	..	0.3	0.9	64.2
6,665.000	Newmark (Louis)	293	..	19.6	6.7	14.1
212.5m	NEI	96	+1	7.2b	7.5	15.4
14.9m	NMW Comp	73	..	3.4	4.7	13.8
20.7m	Oceonics	19	5	+2	..	3.8
165.5m	Oxford Instruments	220	-9	3.4	1.5	8.0
1,890.0m	Racal Electronics	190	-2	8.8	13.0	20.0
61.0m	Peak	97	-2	4.4	2.7	35.6
55.2m	Precom	51	●-1	1.1	2.2	24.3
10.3m	Phelps Fin 5%%	230½		57.5	7.1	..
2,258.0m	Phillips Lamps N/V	156½	+½			
5,317.000	Pilco	245	..	9.6	3.9	9.8
3,089.000	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	177	..	9.6	5.4	7.1
1,133.3m	Pressey (aa)	153	-2	7.9	5.2	8.6
34.8m	Prestcold	145	-1	2.3	1.6	14.7
17.2m	Quest Automation	89	●+12	2.6	2.9	15.2
1,358.7m	Racal Elect (aa)	217	+6½	4.9	2.3	18.4
5,612.000	Ross	138	..	1.6	1.3	13.3
244.0m	Scantronic	115	-2	3.6	3.1	20.5
58.0m	Scholes (GH)	442	●	20.5	4.7	14.5
43.1m	Sound Diffusion	31	+4	0.8	2.6	8.1
1,316.9m	STC (aa)	236	●+6	9.6	4.0	13.9
71.3m	System Designers	82	..	2.0	2.4	32.5
2,303.8m	TDK	5190½				
188.1m	Telephone Rentals	211	+7	11.0	5.2	17.1
5,220.000	Telemetrix	215	+3	7	3.3	20.8
45.7m	Therm Scientific	140	-3	4.7	3.4	9.7
1,940.0m	THORN EMI (aa)	1020	+19	25.7	4.5	14.2
60.4m	Turnstall	380	-3	4.5	1.2	17.7
233.3m	UEI	337	-1	8.4	2.5	17.7
51.8m	Unitech	199	●	11.2	5.6	10.8
100.0m	Utd Scientific	189	-3	3.0	1.6	13.8
159.4m	VG Instruments	398	-2	6.2	1.6	13.3
51.0m	Volex	337	-8	14.7	4.4	11.9
15.0m	Western Selection	105		4.7	4.5	10.4
65.5m	Wholesale Fitting	468	●-2	14.4	3.1	18.5

FINANCE, LAND

Capitalization £m	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
49.3m	Abingworth	243	-2	1.7	0.7	..
36.2m	Arbuthnot Latham	78	..	4.6	6.2	7.9
77.5m	Ansoligastis	269	-1	13.5	5.3	7.6
25.4m	Ass Heritages	84	-3	3.6	3.9	25.0
28.5m	Authority Inv	323	●-1	3.4	1.1	20.9
	Berkeley Govett	185				
926.7m	Br Commonwlth (aa)	385	+2	9.7	3.4	25.8
50.7m	Camellia	1020	●	23.2

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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A SPECIAL REPORT

By Edward Fennell

A growing appetite for better training

The mood at this week's London conference on Human Resources is buoyant, as the interest in training continues to grow

Five years ago you would not have seen advertisements for human resource development managers in the executive-recruitment pages of *The Times*. Now you see them regularly.

Four years ago many of the leading management consultants did not have a human resource development department. Now they all do.

And just three years ago, a NEDO/Manpower Services Commission report was complaining that training expenditure was still seen by many employers as being an overhead rather than an investment.

That too has changed. Not as much as it should. But there are signs in both industry and the professions that the message is getting through.

One encouraging development came last autumn when numerous entrants for Britain's first ever National Training Awards (organizations such as IBM, Shell, Michelin, ICI, Thomas Cook, Next and Dixons) showed that they were operating highly effective training programmes delivered to meet well-defined business objectives.

More might need to be done but here was a bedrock of good practice on which to build.

In the same vein, "continuing professional development" has become a great area of growth. Professional institutions as varied as accountants, lawyers, architects and engineers are all now involved and systematic training is even being considered for the judges.

To cap it all, there was the Financial Services Act. By laying down stringent training regulations for financial advisers it underlined the point in no uncertain terms that training matters. So the mood of this week's Human Resource Development Exhibition and Conference at the Barbican in London is buoyant.

As you examine the long list of exhibitors you will see that the training industry has transformed itself almost beyond recognition. The image it presents is significantly more sophisticated and professional than it was at the start of the 1980s.

Customized consultancy

The new sophistication is evident in its products and its services. On the one hand computer-based training organizations such as Mentor are creating packages which are technically sharp and highly cost-effective. On the other side, there is the emergence of the customized consultancy services from organizations like Peat Marwick McLintock and Coopers & Lybrand which are proving their value by the business benefits they produce.

Clearly industry's appetite for training is much greater than at the start of the decade.

There are a variety of explanations for this but skill shortages, slimmed-down organizations and constant exhortations of the Manpower Services Commission have all played their part. Whatever the exact cause, however, the overall result is that the "human factor" is now being taken account of more than ever before.

As Robert Waterman, co-author of *In Search of Excellence*, has put it in his latest book, *The Renewal Factor*, "companies treat everyone as a source of creative input . . . When people are treated as the *main engine rather than interchangeable parts of the corporate machine*, motivation, creativity, quality, and commitment to implementation are all well up."

What this new mood also reveals is that the movement towards "*making the most of* your human resources" goes beyond simple job-training.

Though the term "human resource development" is not universally liked (it sounds rather like American jargon), it underlines the point that what we are discussing here is more than narrow skills for simple slots. Issues such as *motivation, team-building*, job satisfaction and career and personal development are all *on the agenda, and the* successful handling of all of these together is what is needed to make an organization buzz with enterprise. In this context, it is both a strength and a weakness that the Manpower Services Commission will be re-launching

Title change for the MSC

The aim of the new title is to get away from the old image of MSC as being an organization which spends most of its time grappling with the million-headed hydra called Unemployment. Unfortunately, the new title may be misleading in suggesting too constricted a scope for its new role.

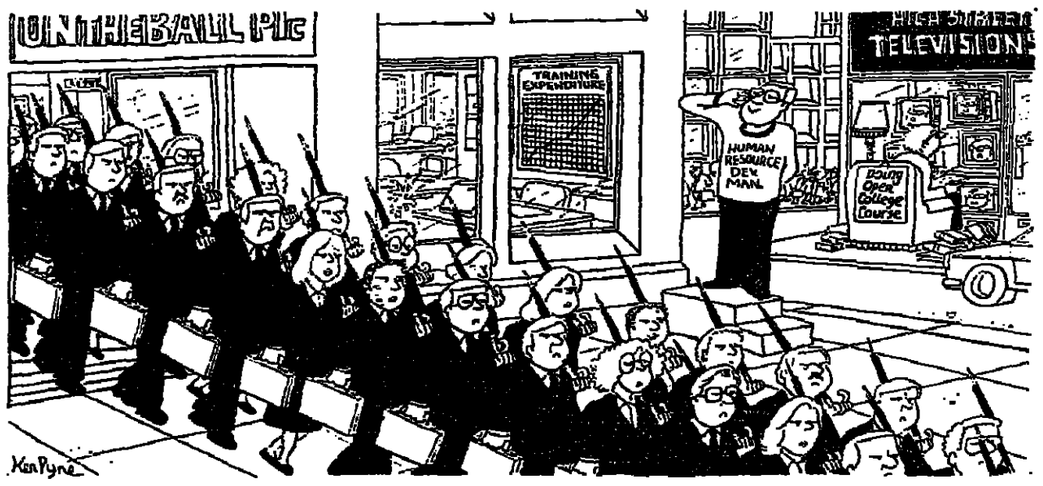
In fact, as Roger Dawe, the new director-general of the commission, explained, his *aim is to shift the organization's* focus on to what is going on in industry, to concentrate on higher level skills, and to help business achieve better performance through its people. In other words, "training" as such is only one part of the story.

The development of enterprise, the reform of vocational qualifications, the encouragement of new forms of learning are all part of its remit.

In doing this, however, it has to keep things simple. Too many initiatives in this field end bogged down in academic debate and philosophical semantics. To ensure that its policies remain relevant, the Training Commission and its various agents will need to renew themselves continually in the font of business reality. That, without doubt, can be the only touchstone of success.

As Sir Austin Pearce, former chairman of British Aerospace, said at last month's launch of the 1988 National Training Awards: "Employers who don't have at least a fighting chance of getting an award should be seriously concerned about losing their competitive edge. Without properly planned training, they are in grave danger of being put out of business."

And that, I think, truly is the bottom line.





Shaky start: Sheila Innes, chief executive of the Open College

Listen and learn is the message

When the Institute of Manpower Studies published its report last December on the effectiveness of the non-statutory training organizations (NSTOs), journalists were confronted with the classic problem of how to describe a situation which was half-good and half-bad.

Of 102 of the training organizations, it was found that only 56 were "effective". The remainder were at various levels of ineffectiveness.

Two organizations, in fact, could not be traced at all and were assumed to be defunct, although that did not make them any less useful than a score or so of sloth-like outfits whose existence consisted of little more than breathing and consuming as few resources as possible.

So what kind of conclusions can be drawn from that? Well, Jim Wiltshire of the Manpower Services Commission will be weighing up this delicate matter on Thursday at the Barbican exhibition. Perhaps the 40-odd ineffective NSTOs will be able to learn something.

To be fair, the difficulty facing many of the NSTOs is that, like the Open College and the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, they are children of the mid-1980s, spawned out of government initiatives to provide "solutions" that their putative customers only half want.

In the case of the Open College, for example, there might have been plenty of evidence that people desired open learning but no clear evidence (unlike for the Open University) that an open *college* as such was required.

Indeed, as things turned out, the college got off to a very shaky start last autumn and is having to fight back hard and fast to restore its credibility.

So when Sheila Innes, chief executive of the Open College, makes her pitch at the Barbican on Wednesday she will be seeking to persuade employers that the college has something concrete for them as well as for the lunchtime televiewers at home.

The National Council for Vocational Qualifications is in a similar position. Its planned reform and simplification of our vocational qualifications system has been widely welcomed, but there is a danger that the process will get bogged down in its own bureaucracy.

This means that when Professor Peter Thompson of National Vocational Qualifications makes his presentation tomorrow he will have a chance to get away from some of the theological debate that goes on about qualifications and outline how, in real industry, those who achieve National Vocational Qualifications will be better and more productive employees than those who do not.

Concrete benefits are, of course, the way by which most training specialists or consultants aim to sell themselves.

But how can you be sure you are going to get what you want? And could someone else do the job even better?

To help answer these questions, the Training Bureau has recently been established to provide advice on which consultancy is best equipped to meet an employers' needs.

As Carol Slessor of the bureau explained: "I spoke to dozens of training organizations and companies that buy training courses and they all said the same thing: what was needed was a mariage bureau that would make the right introductions for them."

Carol Slessor will be on hand throughout the exhibition to offer exactly that service. Will the Open college be something she recommends?

Of course, in a year or two Sheila Innes and colleagues will need to earn their own livings out of fees rather than government grants.

It may seem a daunting process now but one organization which has proved for decades that it is possible to thrive in the private sector by offering high-quality open learning training services is the Linguaphone Institute. Linguaphone need no qualifications as such to prove the value of its products.

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Teasing talk, sharp minds

Effective training starts with top management seeing it as a good investment

Amid all the discussion later this week at the Human Resources exhibition about what constitutes good training, perhaps the most interesting presentations will come from a select group of organizations who have already shown just how the job should be done.

Every afternoon for the next three days there will be workshop sessions at the Barbican conducted by various winners of the last year's National Training Awards with the aim of teasing out exactly what makes up an effective training programme.

With contributions from companies ranging from Shell Chemicals, IBM and Cummins Engines through to tiny start-up operations like California Cake & Cookies, there should be enough analysis and debate to satisfy the sharpest and most enquiring mind.

The biggest lesson, however, is perhaps also the simplest. National Training Award winners were successful because they demonstrated that their training had been exceptionally effective in helping them achieve their business objectives. As subsequent research proved, there is indeed a clear casual relationship between investment in the right kind of training and "bottom-line" results.

To be honest, that did not come as very much of a surprise to those who have championed the cause of training over the last decade or so. But so often had it been said that undertaking training was an act of faith that it was nice to see proved that the benefits of training were in reality a matter of fact.

The facts, as investigated by consultants Max Burgess and Keith Lathrope, was that proper training can:

- Improve sales volumes: produce a measurable increase in service quality; and help secure new orders against intense competition.
- Help improve quality and productivity; increase individual performance; and help shape a flexible and multi-skilled workforce.
- Overcome skill shortages and even increase team-work and motivation.

If all that sounds a bit far-fetched, you do not have to take my word for it. Researchers Burgess and Lathrope went through the evidence of the 60 award-winners with a tooth-comb and that was the clear evidence which emerged.

They also found that the increased skillbase that resulted from training allowed firms to take on extra work, cut sub-contracting costs or move start-up businesses quickly into profit.

So how come, you may ask, if training is doing all that for them why isn't it doing the same for me?

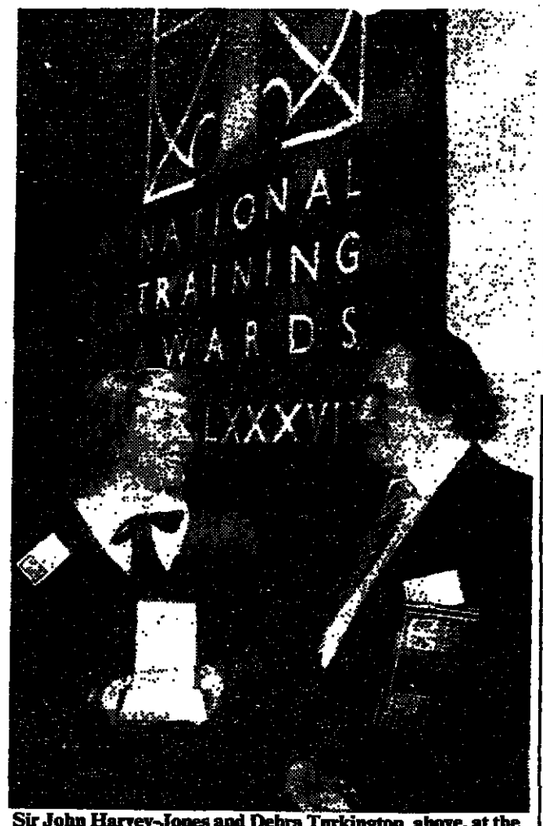
This is where the "magic ingredient" comes in. Burgess and Lathrope also looked at the large number of organizations which competed but failed to get National Training Awards. In some cases there was no question that a lot of training was going on but, in the old adage, it's not what (or how much) you do but the way that you do it.

The difference between run-of-the-mill ineffective trainers and those who produced results lay in the extent to which training was a link between defining the needs of the organization and satisfying them.

In the most successful cases there had been careful strategic thought at the top of the organization about what needed to be done if the firm was to become more profitable, or move into new markets, or introduce new machinery. By using that as a starting point, training objectives could be defined and a programme designed and implemented to achieve those goals.

Of course, that was not necessarily an easy or "mechanistic" thing to do. Identifying with precision an organization's needs is not done overnight. It needs the involvement of top management. Unless it has been done with precision, it is hard to pinpoint the training objectives.

But it is time spent at that stage which makes all the difference. Providing your training system can then work efficiently to produce the required training objectives, the organization should get the benefits it wants. The "virtuous circle" of "organization needs" leading to "training" which results in "organization benefits" will be complete.





Sir John Harvey-Jones and Debra Turkington, above, at the 1987 awards. Top right: winning YTS trainees from IBM



People with a training mission, from left: Sir Austin Pearce, patron of this year's awards; Roger Dawe, director-general of the MSC; Joe Liddane of Arthur Young; Bob Simm of Peat Marwick McLintock; Mike Stanton of Coopers & Lybrand

Making better managers

Swapping statistics usually ends up as the least satisfactory form of debate, and this applies to arguments about training and management development just as much as anything else.

For example, although there is little disagreement that British managers lag behind their opposite numbers in Germany and the United States, it is a "game of consequences" to identify why this should be so.

At one time it was frequently alleged that our lack of post-graduate management qualifications was the explanation. "Look at America," says this school of thought. "It produces 70,000 Masters of Business Administration each year. In the UK we produce a mere 1,200. It's obvious that this must be the reason for the gap in performance."

Convinced? Well you might be until you were told that in West Germany they produce no MBAs whatsoever. And in Japan a mere 60. So clearly there is more to effective management than an MBA.

But what about the accountancy? Perhaps the answer lies there? After all the US has around 300,000 qualified accountants and presumably they must be doing an enormous amount to keep business on the straight, narrow and profitable.

Well, maybe. But the UK has 120,000 accountants, significantly more on a proportionate basis than the US, so we certainly can't claim to be short of financial expertise.

And again by contrast, Germany has a mere 4,000 accountants. In short, accountancy qualifications aren't the answer either. (Indeed it could be argued that we would do a lot better if we had many fewer accountants and rather more engineers.)

What could be significant, is that only a quarter of top managers in Britain have degrees compared with the 85 per cent in Japan and the US. Even so, I don't think anyone would believe that simply cranking up the number of managers with BAs would increase our productivity to German or Japanese levels.

Frankly, most of the reasons why Britain does worse than our rivals are more commplicated than a single, simple answer will explain. The truth remains, however, that these overseas managers are more effective than our own.

Rather than seeking an easy way out by pointing at a single formula, perhaps the answer is to accept the necessity for British industry to improve the quality of its management in whatever way that works for the UK.

New initiatives are underway

To some extent at least, that is now starting to happen and a variety of new initiatives are underway. For example, one of the criticisms most frequently levelled at business schools in this country is that their courses are irrelevant to the real needs of industry.

Ashridge Management College has tried to tackle this by revising its curriculum to embrace more live assignments relevant to the students, employers or sponsors.

"Industry has embraced our MBA because of its relevance and practicality," says Dr Laurence Handy, the MBA director of studies.

The management centre at North Staffordshire Polytechnic is another institution which has taken to heart this message of relevance and is now working with local employers such as Steetley Brick and Tile, Armitage Shanks, Royal Doulton, GEC and EMI Electronics to put together a training programme which will have a strong practical core as well as covering management theory.

The intention is that the programme will be a first step towards chartered management status.

The word "charter" comes up again in connection with The Charter group organization which is also working towards more capital management. The Charter group itself consists of members such as ICI, Rank Xerox, Cadbury Schweppes, Rio Tino Zinc, and Unilever, but it stems out of a CBI and British Institute of Management drive to develop a national approach to developing "the professional manager of the future".

As it happens, the Engineering Council, speaking on behalf of chartered and technician engineers, is campaigning that engineers should be moving into mainstream management. In the light of their broad training and practical experience, says the council, they will make excellent management material.

Of course, one of the most attractive prospects in management education is to put a manager through some short but effective process which make them more dynamic overnight.

This may perhaps be the modern equivalent to the medieval search to convert dud metal into gold and certainly the mystique which surrounds some of the alchemist's "fool's gold".

This doesn't mean it is all nonsense, however, and one of the most sensible ways to more effective management is time-management.

Time/system, for example, is running courses which (so it is said) can increase a manager's effectiveness by as much as 20 per cent. The Time/systems founder is James Noon, who was deputy principle of the management college at Henley, so he has an academic prospective as a practical appreciation of the need for an efficient use of time. And after all, if the Human Resource is the most precious to the organization, then time must be the jewel which should be cherished most of all.

Showcase for the industry

Hosting Human Resource Development Week at the Barbican over the next three days will be the Institute of Training and Development.

As Britain's leading body concerned with the promotion of HRD, the institute sees the event as a showcase for presenting both itself and the HRD "industry" to the outside world. But no matter how full the Barbican halls or however lively the speeches and workshop sessions, the institute still has a fight on its hands.

With missionary zeal, it is campaigning for an idea and an approach to business which has traditionally had few friends in this country. As one expert observer says: "In America it is seen as a natural right of employees to have the opportunity to develop their potential. If an individual asks for help in going on a course, the expectation is that the employer will automatically support it.

"In this country it is still thought odd to make such a request. The chances are that it will be treated with some scepticism."

Fortunately, there are signs which suggest that this is changing.

Further, the vogue for self-employment on the one hand and "intrapreneurship" (that is being enterprising within a large organization) on the other have shown that a mood of self-help is wafting through the workplace.

People want to "develop" their capabilities to a far greater degree than ever before and it is the role of line managers and professional trainers alike to help them achieve that. And the institute aims to help.

The institute itself is growing at a remarkable rate. Under the leadership of its president, Hamish Orr-Ewing, new recruits are flooding in. Membership stands at about 8,000 and continues to grow rapidly.

In addition to its established qualifications, the Certificate in Training and Development and the Diploma in Training Management, the institute is also running short courses in Business Finance for Trainers – How to sell training in the Boardroom, Computer-based Learning, and How to Set Up, Implement, Manage and Support Open Learning.

The other big challenge for the institute is to get its messages out to an even wider audience. The institute will be increasingly aiming to address chief executives as well as the trainers in order to make HRD a boardroom issue. When it has done, that it will really have succeeded.

The heart of a business

Some of the most influential experts in human resource development (HRD) will not be found at the Barbican exhibition this week. They will be too busy.

All of the "big eight" accountancy firms now offer management-consulting services in HRD. According to people such as Bob Simm at Peat Marwick McLintock, it has become their biggest growth area, outstripping even information technology.

It is easy to see why. When you talk to the HRD experts at firms such as Arthur Young, Coopers & Lybrand, or Peat's, you quickly recognize that their perspective extends beyond training into the heart of the organization.

"Our training means business," says Arthur Young's HRD team.

Mind you, it doesn't make the management consultant's job any easier. Some clients would prefer Arthur Young's team, for example, to come and deliver a two or three-day programme for management on, say, communication skills or marketing, and leave it at that. It seems to be quicker and neater that way. Unfortunately there is no guarantee that it is effective.

Joe Liddane of Arthur Young says: "In a lot of cases we try to see the chief executive before we start. That way we get to know the mission of the firm from the top, and can design training to meet that need. To do our job properly we must ask basic questions about where the company is going and what it needs to get there.."

Because Mr Liddane and his colleagues are committed to spending time researching their clients' goals rather than just delivering an off-the-shelf package, they try to avoid describing their service as pure "training".

Mr Liddane said: "*Consultraining* is the expression we've come up with because it gives a sense of the wider role that we fulfil."

In order to do this kind of exercise properly, HRD experts believe that there must be just as much commitment and effort by the client as by the management consultant. In fact, the more input from the client, the more relevant the programme is likely to be.

As Michael Stanton, director of the human resource consultancy at Coopers & Lybrand put it: "We undertake joint ventures with our clients for a programme of change."

The idea of "change" really has to be at the heart of training. By helping people improve their skills, you are changing them. But to enable them to apply their skills more effectively, you may also have to change the organization. That is why the most productive training is normally initiated from the top and why organizations that use training properly have it built in as part of the corporate culture.

Mr Simm says: "To achieve anything useful the drive for training has to be top-down. I'm glad to see that more and more firms are seeing it that way.

"We've been through the periods of investing in hardware and software. We're now at the point where investment in 'liveware' is the priority."

As a demonstration of what happens when firms do not manage this properly, Mr Stanton points to Big Bang. The desperate poaching of top performers and the inflated salaries paid to capture top traders was simply a reflection of the fact that City institutions had neglected to invest in training.

But times are changing fast and the banks and other City big names are now leading consumers of the big eight's HRD services. Peat's in particular is doing a lot of banking work. It is no amateur

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To this end, Peat's and Arthur Young are mostly recruiting as consultants people with impeccable business backgrounds who project boardroom credibility in a way that most professional trainers cannot.

Mr Liddane said: "We make sure that our training is done mostly by non-trainers. We employ people who have had worthwhile experience in the mainstream of management, often at high level. Once they've proved themselves as a manager, it is fairly easy to equip them with the communication and teaching skills which trainers need."

Maybe the most important advantage the big management consultants have over their more narrowly focussed rivals, however, is that they are simply able to offer a wider range of skills.

They recognize, in short, that to make the most of your people it is not enough just to train them. By providing consultancy services on renumeration policy, career counselling and outplacement, as well as organizational planning and the overall human resource strategy, the management consultants can provide their clients with many more options and room for manoeuvre.

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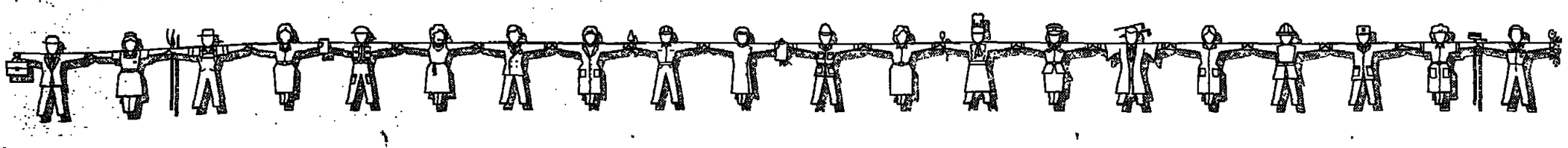
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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice.

Take a hand in the future

Fortune telling is no longer the preserve of the fairground palmist, but is seen in some quarters as a serious science with career potential, says Roger Jones



"It is the stars, the stars above us, govern our conditions," observes Kent in *King Lear*, and there would appear to be many who would support his contention, judging by the vogue for the occult. How many of us, for instance, have been able to resist the temptation to enter a fortune telling booth at least once in our lives?

But isn't this a profession of charlatans dedicated to duping the gullible? "Certainly not," says Morag Irwin, who now practises palmistry after working in commerce for many years.

"I'm a hand analyst", she told me, "and with clients I'm stating facts, not making mysterious statements. The modern approach is quite different from the lady at the end of the pier telling you that a tall, handsome stranger is about to cross your path."

Morag certainly doesn't fit the image of the lady at the end of the pier. She trained as a lawyer and later joined an international business concern. "I've an analytical mind", she explained, "and that served me well in both the legal and business fields. Eventually it brought me to scientific palmistry."

She admitted that she had had an interest in this field since childhood, but she didn't become a committed professional until her mid-thirties. The demands from her business career meant she was spending an increasing amount of time away from her home in Bath, and she felt she would like to spend more time with her family. So she set up in business. Little did she realize at the time that the business would turn out to be hand analysis.

She started reading palms (or rather, analysing hands) for charity, but found that people were coming back for more information and advice. "I suddenly found I had become a professional palmist," she said.

One of the people who encouraged her to take up the career is her husband, David Talfryn, who specializes in graphology – the art of estimating of the Graphological Research Foundation.

Handwriting analysis has always enjoyed a certain respectability and it is becoming increasingly common in police work – in fraud cases, for example. But David claims to be able to identify character traits, such as executive potential, or schizophrenia, which can be useful in the field of personnel selection.

"British industrialists don't like admitting that they use graphologists, but they do," David told me. Indeed, he has a number of business clients and is able to make a good living out of his consultancy work. He also finds himself giving practical advice based on his interpretation of their handwriting.

Graphology – together with astrology and Tarot readings – started off as a sideline before it became a full-time occupation. David originally set out to follow in the family tradition by enrolling for a catering course. But after a brief period in the hotel and catering business he turned to full-time involvement in psychic pursuits.

My third "psychic," Malvern-based Paul Mayo, is an astrologer with an Honours degree in art and art history. Paul admitted he had been very sceptical of the claims of astrology until, at the age of 30, he bought a book on the subject and became enthralled. He has now been a practitioner of the art for seven years.

Astrologers with Honours degrees in history of art

"I'm a freedom-oriented individual," he confessed, which means that free-lancing suits him admirably. During the week he has sessions with clients while at weekends he attends psychic festivals accompanied by his computer. But while he can just press a few buttons and get a computerized print-out of a client's characteristics and destiny, he finds that personal readings are much more popular.

However, the practice can have its problems. "I'm a very mediumistic type of person and therefore open to psychic attack," was his startling revelation. His wife confirmed that he sometimes needed something to pull him back to earth, and that was why last year he decided to take a year off from his predictions and turn his hand to a normal nine to five job for a change.

He returned refreshed to full-time astrology at the beginning of this year and has a busy schedule. He is much in demand as a speaker at women's luncheon clubs and Women's Institute meetings. "Women are particularly interested in astrology," he notes. Visits to night clubs and health clubs also figure on his programme.

He is at pains to point out that he doesn't regard himself as a nightclub act as such. What usually happens in these venues is that he gives a brief description of the nature of astrology and follows it with individual readings for which he receives a fee.

"I find that people come to me at a turning point in their lives", he continued, "and I act as a catalyst for them." He sees himself as a therapist rather than as a teller of fortunes, and this can be hard work. Nevertheless he enjoys helping people. "No other job has given me so much satisfaction," he says.

In Paul's opinion astrology is a more time-consuming business than clairvoyance and palmistry, and he reckons that he has to work a longer day than practitioners in other fields to make ends meet. In the United States, on the other hand, an astrologer can make a very good living from business interests.

"If you're planning to gamble on Wall Street it is quite usual to consult a psychic or a clairvoyant beforehand," I was told.

Organizations such as the British Astrological and Psychic Society are keen to raise standards within the professiona, and some, like the Faculty of Astrologial Studies, offer correspondence courses leading to a qualification. In addition, many practitioners lecture on their craft at weekend workshops up and down the country and at adult evening institutes.

However, you will seek in vain for any well-worn career path into astrology, palmistry or the allied professions. According to David Talfryn they are like most fields: if you are prepared to put in sufficient effort you should be able to achieve some success.

Useful addresses:

British Astrological & Psychic Society, 12 Elgar Close, Chenduit Way, Stanmore, Middlesex.
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Further details and application forms are available from Mr G.A. Cuthbert, Assistant Personnel Officer, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS. Closing date for receipt of applications 3 May 1988.

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RUGBY UNION: COUNTY SHOW-PIECE PLAYED IN TWICKENHAM VACUUM AS CROWDS PREFER TO STAY AT HOME FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL

Lancashire defence stands firm after pack takes control

By Bryan Stiles

Lancashire.................. 23
Warwickshire.............. 18

The meagre few — fewer than 2,000 — who lent their support to the lively lads from Lancashire and Warwickshire contesting the *Toshiba county* championship final at Twickenham on Saturday must have thought it was an afternoon well spent. They enjoyed a game of open rugby, cheered, in six fine tries and saw Lancashire deservedly win the title for the twelfth time.

It was a pity one of the highlights of the rugby calendar should have clashed with the televising of the Grand National, that sporting institution that kept many indoors and deprived the final of the kind of crowd it needed, and certainly merited.

The shrill cries of those who did turn up were lost in the swirling winds and dusty girders of Twickenham's lofty bare stands. Even the prospect of picnicking in Twickenham's green and pleasant car parks did not entice the crowds. Mind you, the sleet and snow that fell in the morning might have been a little off-putting for some.

If the final coincides with the Grand National in future years, the organizers might consider delaying the kick-off and providing closed-circuit coverage of the Aintree spectacular for supporters — on Toshiba screens, of course. The county final might not have the standing it once had, but the hard-sell might raise the public perception of the event.

The quality of rugby was *high* and it provided an entertaining spectacle. Even if the game did become somewhat one-sided at times, it provided a *thrilling finale* as *Warwickshire* fought back into contention only to succumb by two goals, two tries and one penalty to two goals and two penalties.

Just as Warwickshire had feared, when the sun did appear it was often blotted out by the opposition forwards at lineouts. Dooley towers 6ft 8in, Gallagher 6ft 5in and, according to the programme, Kimmins is 6ft 10in, although he pretended to be several inches shorter.

Warwickshire were not fooled. They saw how much lineout possession he and his fellow jumpers were claiming and resorted to pinching it off them after they landed. It *worked some of the time,* but they could not prevent Lancashire setting up a stream of attacks.

Lancashire held a 10-6 interval lead through tries by Hanavan and O'Brien against two penalties by Thomas. Ainscough put them further ahead with a penalty, but Thomas converted a try by Stuart Hall to make it 13-12.

The northerners looked to have sewn up the game with tries by Ainscough and Aitchison, but in a storming finish Johnson galloped in for a try which Thomas converted. *The Lancashire* defence then prevailed.

SCORERS: Lancashire: Tries: Hanavan, O'Brien, Ainscough, Aitchison. **Conversions:** Ainscough (2). **Penalty:** Ainscough. **Warwickshire: Tries:** Stuart Hall, Johnson. **Conversions:** Thomas (2). **Penalty goals:** Thomas (2).
LANCASHIRE (Orrell unless stated): A Higgin (Vale of Lune); B Hanavan (Fylde), D Fell, G Ainscough, N Heslop (Waterloo); I Aitchison (Waterloo), G Williams (Pwllheli); D O'Brien, N Hitchen, D Southern, R Kimmins, W Dooley (Fylde), D Cleary, P Cook (Nottingham), S Gallagher (Waterloo).
WARWICKSHIRE (Coventry unless stated): Steven Hall (Barkers Butts); C Leake, M Warr (Barkers Butts), K Shaw (Barkers Butts), Stuart Hall; M Lakey, S Thomas; L Johnson, A Farrington, S Wilkes, A Gulliver, P Bowman (Rugby), P Thomas, R Travers, K Hickey (Moseley).
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

● In a curtain-raiser to the final, the Royal Grammar School, Guilford, beat Wellington College 12-0 in the inaugural *Daily Mail* under-15 schools cup final.



Leading the way: *Kimmins gains ground for Lancashire* (Photograph: *Tommy Hindley*)

A defeat Hesford can use to lick Bristol into shape

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Bristol.............................. 12
Leicester........................ 15

Time was when Leicester would arrive at the Memorial Ground in April, sun beating down, pitch hard and dusty, and Bristol would run all over them. Many things have changed since then, even, on Saturday, the weather. There was a lush carpet of grass and Leicester had driven through sleet and snow to play on it.

In an absorbing, tight contest, dominated by the forwards, Leicester won by two penalty goals and three dropped goals to three penalty goals and a dropped goal. The chief coach, Bob Hesford, can use this defeat *as a stick with which to beat his* side into the right frame of mind for the John Player Special Cup final on April 30.

He will not have been amused over the winning score. Harding was penalized for a crooked feed near Leicester's 22. Bristol made an adverse comment and were sent back an extra 10 metres, and Hare put the penalty clearance into touch 10 metres from Bristol's line. From the lineout Cusworth dropped his third goal, none of which was from more than 22 metres: 10 times he had dropped two goals in a match for Leicester, but never three.

Leicester have lost only six games and there are just three *weeks of the season to go.* They were losing this one at half-time (by 6-3). Hare's initial penalty had been cancelled by Webb, who missed only one place-kick, and overtaken by *Hogg,* who dropped a good goal.

Bristol dominated the second quarter, Pemphrey heading some good drives and Blackmore coming into his own at the lineout. Even when Cusworth had scooped over his first dropped goal Webb initiated an attack *from deep that had* Leicester's defence in the greatest difficulty. Webb and Hare exchanged further penalties but it was Hare who ran back Webb's attempted clearance, linked with Richards, Bates and Wells and Cusworth squeezed out another dropped goal.

That made it 9-12 and Webb restored equality with 12 minutes left. Then Thacker, Leicester's deputy hooker, came in for rough treatment at a maul and *the iron, I suspect, entered* Leicester souls. Cusworth's final kick was no more than they deserved.

SCORERS: Bristol: Penalties: Webb (3). **Dropped goal:** Hogg. **Leicester: Penalties:** Hare (2). **Dropped goals:** Cusworth (3)
BRISTOL: J Webb; J Carr, R Knibbs, P Hull, H Duggan; S Hogg, R Harding; C Phillips, D Palmer, J Doubleday, A Dun, N Pomphrey, A Blackmore, W Hone, P Collings.
LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, P Dodge, I Bates, R Underwood; L Cusworth, S Kenney; S Redfern, T Thacker, W Richardson, J Wells, M Foulkes-Arnold, T Smith, P Thornley, D Richards.
Referee: B Abrahams (East Midlands).

The unacceptable face of victory

By Peter Dixon

Bath.................................. 21
Harlequins 9

I suppose it was inevitable that with the two hookers, *Dawe and* Olver, vying for a place on England's tour to Australia, the game between Bath and Harlequins at the Recreation Ground *on Saturday was going to be* fought among the forwards. Bath's aim was to make their boy look good, although in the end there was little to choose between the two.

It was equally predictable, therefore, that the game would be ruined as a spectacle. Bath were determined to prove that up front they were masters in their own home. They tended to forget that they had a set of backs capable of scything through most defences.

Despite this, Bath always had the upper hand in this Courage Clubs Championship match and won by three tries, two penalties and a dropped goal to one goal and a penalty.

At half-time Bath led 7-0 with a try by Redman, driving over from a tapped penalty, and a penalty by Barnes. We were then treated *to the rare sight of a try* by Chilcott, the cannon-ball on legs turning up on the left wing, of all places, showing devastating acceleration over half a metre and diving for the line. Why was it funny?

A further try by Egerton and a penalty and a dropped goal by Barnes rounded off the points *for Bath, with Smith scoring* Harlequins' only try, Thresher converting it and adding a penalty.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Redman, Chilcott, Egerton. **Penalties:** Barnes (2). **Dropped goal:** Barnes. **Harlequins: Try:** Smith. **Conversion:** Thresher. **Penalty:** Thresher.
BATH: A Lumsden; D Trick, S Halliday, J Guscott, F Sagoe; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, R Lee, A Robinson, J Morrison, N Redman, J Hall, D Egerton.
HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; S Hunter, J Salmon, C Smith, E Davis; A Thompson, R Moon; P Curtis, J Olver, A Mullins, M Skinner, N Edwards, P Ackford, T Bell, R Langhorn.
Referee: A Turner (Lancashire).

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Final

Lancashire 23 Warwickshire 18 (at Twickenham)

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First division

Bath 21 Harlequins 9
Bath: Tries: Redman, Chilcott, Egerton. Pens: Barnes (2). Dropped goal: Barnes. Harlequins: Try: Smith. Con: Thresher. Pen: Thresher.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	10	9	0	1	225	133	37
Wasps	9	6	1	2	146	115	28
Bath	10	5	1	4	151	139	26
Gloucester	9	5	1	3	145	114	25
Nottingham	11	4	1	6	148	170	24
Harlequins	9	4	1	4	167	106	22
Moseley	10	4	0	6	140	167	22
Bristol	8	4	1	3	146	92	21
Waterloo	8	4	0	4	114	151	20
Orrell	8	3	1	4	123	113	18
Coventry	8	2	1	5	97	170	15
Sale	8	0	0	8	71	201	8

Third division
Sheffield 8 Vale of Lune 3

South area
Sidcup 8 Lydney 9

TOUR MATCH: Bermuda 0, Old Alleynians 23.

CLUB MATCHES

Bedford	18	Roundhay	21
Birkenhead Pk	4	Middlesbrough	10
Bristol	12	Leicester	15
Camborne	23	Exeter	23
Cheltenham	30	Birmingham	16
Gloucester	35	Neath	19
Gosforth	50	Fylde	18
Harrogate	7	Bradford and B	16
Llanelli	65	Coventry	9
London Irish	56	Cross Keys	6
London Welsh	20	Wasps	26
Met Police	9	Abertillery	8
Newbridge	31	Aberavon	12
New Brighton	12	Walsall	13
Newport	16	Moseley	19
Northampton	44	Morley	3
Northern	16	Headingley	29
Nottingham	44	Richmond	16
Orrell	8	Lpool St Helens	22
Penarth	25	Ebbw Vale	29
Plymouth	35	Glamorgan W	8
Pontypool	52	Sale	10
Rugby	43	Nuneaton	18
Swansea	13	Cardiff	18
Tredegar	15	Maesteg	7
Wakefield	18	Saracens	6
W Hartlepool	38	W of Scotland	21
Wilmslow	12	Hartlepool R	21

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NORTH: Club matches: Acklam 13, Ilkley 6, Aspull 4, Workington 0, Baildon 10, Old Otliensians 9; Barnsley 37, Grimsby 0; Beverley 7, West Park Bramhope 13; Blaydon 19, Edinburgh Wanderers 9; Bradford Salem 26, Scarborough 3; Bramley 32, *Manst & Chester 17, Widnes* 30; Cleckheaton 14, Rodillians 0, Darlington 6, York 19, Davenport 30, Southport 8, Doncaster 15, Goole 19, Driffield 9, Pocklington 8; East Retford 7, Halifax Vandals 9, Hartlepool 32, Seghill 11; *Heath 0, Old Crossleyans* 42; Huddersfield 7, Wharfedale 21; Huddersfield YMCA 9, Hemsworth 22; Ionians 24, Yarnbury 15; Kendal 76, Sunderland 0; Lymm 0, Winnington Park 28; Manchester 29, Stourbridge 14; New Brighton 12, Walsall 13; Novocastrians 46, Leodiensians 0; *Oldham 6, Macclesfield* 29; Old Hymerians 25, Keighley 0; Old Modernians 34, Airebronians 3; Pontefract 4, Hessle 3; Redcar 6, Alnwick 23; Rochdale 14, Sedgley Park 0; Rotherham 25, Chesterfield 21; Roundhay Trojans 9, Bridlington 12, Selby 11, Sandal 44; Sheffield Tigers 4, *Mold 25,* Skipton 3, Carnforth 15, Warrington 13, Colwyn Bay 4, Walton-on-Dearne 19, West Leeds 21; Westoe 22, Rockcliff 31, Wheatley Hills 27, Market Rasen 12.

SOUTH WEST: Club matches: Barnstaple 42, Bridgwater and Albion 0, Brixham 16, South Wales Police 13, Crediton 17, Newton Abbot 6, Exmouth 34, Tiverton 3; Falmouth 3, Newquay Hornets 21; Okehampton 48, Paignton 3; Penryn 17, Hayle 0, Sidmouth 42, Bideford 12; St *Austell 0, Redruth 58; Teignmouth 3,* Devonport Services 22; Weston-super-Mare 26, Launceston 4.

IRELAND: AIB Ulster Senior Cup: Semi-final: Malone 24, NIFC 6 (at Ravenhill). **Senior Club:** CIYMS 12, Bangor 48, *Ballymena 46, Monkstown 11,* Dungannon 10, Collegians 5, Instonians 41, Glasgow High Kelvinside 6, Portadown 0, Skerries 13, Queen's University 12, Ards 49. **Leinster Senior Cup: First round replay:** Terenure College 9, St Mary's College 15. **Munster Senior Cup: Second round replay:** Shannon 19, Old Crescent 18 (aet)

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Racing: Elsworth's gallant chaser makes remarkable recovery at Becher's before going on to triumph in thrilling National

Rhyme 'N' Reason the great survivor

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Rhyme 'N' Reason's sensational victory in the Seagram's Grand National at Liverpool on Saturday has taken David Elsworth over £37,000 ahead of Josh Gifford in the fight for the trainers' championship.

But with the man of the hour facing an almost certain loss of £17,144 if Cavvies Clown is disqualified from three of his victories, everything could still hinge upon the result of the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown, in which Elsworth intends to run Desert Orchid and Gifford Golden Minstrel.

Saturday's hero is now to have a well-earned rest, having won five races and finished second twice and third once in eight completed outings. "That's definitely it," said the trainer yesterday. "He certainly won't be asked to do anymore."

At the start of the week, Elsworth has certainly been going for his strokes. On the telephone on Wednesday, he was practically shouting down the telephone forecasting certain victories for Rhyme 'N' Reason — "if he negotiates the obstacles" and the same for Desert Orchid — "if he can handle the track."

And as for Sir Blake, the eight-length winner of Saturday's 5.10 race, the trainer had merely suggested: "Now there's a real Cheltenham hard-luck story. He'll win all right."

"Negotiate the obstacles," was certainly a well-chosen phrase. Most of the 30 fences Rhyme 'N' Reason appeared to be putting his front leg over the jump and hoping blindly that his rear end would follow in due course. "He's clever all right," said Brendan Powell, remembering not only the belly flop at Becher's Brook, but also a remarkable short-strided little shuffle at the Canal Turn on the second circuit, and then the recovery from the heart-stopping blunder at the second fence from home.

So often in the history of the world's most famous steeplechase, the eventual winner has been travelling exceptionally smoothly throughout the race, as if pre-destined for victory, long before the final jump. Red Rum, in his first and second wins, for example. Then there have been Grittar, Corbiere and West Tip, in 1986.

But surely in the National's 150 years of legends and fairytales, there has never been a more remarkable saga than that of the horse, who, after being tailed off last after his mistake at Becher's, was back within striking distance of the leaders after jumping the Chair, with his jockey taking a pull and patting his mount on the neck. "That's his class," Powell explained.

Yesterday morning, Elsworth was on his car phone on the way back to Whitsbury from Liverpool. "You can't blame a jockey, who's just won the National for you," he said. "But Rhyme 'N' Reason was in front far too early. I'd gone through the race hundreds of times beforehand, but I never thought it would go like that."

One of the versatile Elsworth's many strengths is his marvellous intuitive racing brain, his understanding of the basic nature of an animal and how it needs to run. And how surely did the 27-year-old Powell, recording his first National win after breaking his arm on his only other mount. Glenrue, last year, display the same qualities now.

"I insisted on the horse having a neck strap," Powell said. "At most of the jumps I was just clinging on to it, as I had no contact with his mouth whatsoever. I just had to let him get on with it.

"I was left in front when Little Polveir fell at the 26th. Going on to the racecourse, Rhyme 'N' Reason started to prick his ears and look about him. It was a blessing in disguise when he made that mistake, as Durham Edition gave us a lead up the run-in."

Remembering that desperate moment when Rhyme 'N' Reason came storming back in to the lead in the final 200 yards, Chris Grant, Durham Edition's jockey, said: "It wasn't at all like when I was second on Young Driver. I was just sitting on the winner's tail when he blundered. We had to make our move too soon and at the finish he was just staying on at one pace."

Yesterday, Arthur Stephenson, the runner-up's trainer, paid tribute to the winner. "It was an extraordinary performance and we were beaten by the better horse. Certainly we had to go too soon, but you never get two bites at that particular cherry."

Gee Armytage thrilled her countless admirers by having an unforgettable ride on Gee-A before pulling him up at Becher's on the final circuit.

"I felt something go in my back," she said. "I could no longer give Gee-A enough help. He was still going well and I think I would have been placed." The intrepid blonde has pulled a muscle in her back and will have to pass a medical before she is allowed to ride again.

Most bookmakers broke even on the £30 million betting spree. "We ended up just on the right side," said Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes. "We took £7 million but as usually happens the tax man was the only winner."

A postscript about Rhyme 'N' Reason's history came from Michael Dickinson in Maryland yesterday. "I bought him as a four-year-old from Adrian Maxwell for Juliet Reed. We galloped him a certainty at Market Rasen for a race at Southwell. But he then coughed and had to miss the race. The owner then took him away. I told her that though he might not have enough speed for a Gold Cup, he'd win her a National one day, as he'd got such an engine."

"The hour always produces the man," goes the old saying. As far as the Grand National is concerned it also produces the horse. And on Saturday, Rhyme 'N' Reason, a long eared nine-year-old gelding with a spare and ungainly frame but unflinching heart, wrote another chapter in the immortal history of Aintree, together with his understanding accomplices, David Elsworth and Brendan Powell.

Big race details

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £71,860: 4m 4f)

RHYME 'N' REASON b g Kemal — Smooth Lady (Miss J Read) 9-11-0 B Powell (10-1) 1.

Durham Edition ch g Politico — Level Stakes (R Oxley) 10-10-9 C Grant (20-1) 2.

Monanore ch g Prefairy — Mouskoun (Full Circle Plc) 11-10-4 (inc 1ow) T Taaffe (33-1) 3.

West Tip b g Gala Performance — Astryl (P Luff) 11-11-7 R Dunwoody (11-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 17-2 fav Sacred Path (f 1st), 10 Lean Ar Aghaidh (9th and last) 13 Hard Case (f 19th), 16 Border Burg (pu 29th), Bucko (pu 27th), Reprington (ref 18th), 18 The Tsarevich (7th), 20 Course Hunter (8th), Strands Of Gold (f 22nd), 22 Sir Jest (ref 27th), 25 Lastofthebrownies (f 28th), Midnight Madness (pu 19th), 33 Attitude Adjuster (5th), Gee-A (pu 22nd), Little Polveir (ur 26th), Membersen (pu 27th), Tracys Special (pu 21st), You're Welcome (pu 5th), 40 Lucisis (bd 6th), 50 Northern Bay (pu 19th), Smith's Man (pu 2nd), 66 Big Brown Bear (ref 27th), Bright Dream (bd 22nd), 80 Eton Rouge (pu 26th), Insure (ur 23rd), 100 Brass Change (f 28th), Friendly Henry (6th), Kumbi (f 22nd), Oyde Hills (ref 17th), Polly's Pal (bd 8th), Preben Fur (pu 21st), Smartside (f 17th), Seeandem (ref 27th), 200 Marcolo (f 6th), Tullamarine (f 1st), Hettinger (f 1st), 40 ran. 4l, 15l, 8l, 2½l, 20l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £8.80: £2.70, £3.70, £7.60. £2.70. DF: £65.70. CSF: £172.65. Tricast: £5,690.45.

Attendance up

The eternal appeal of the National was shown once again by the fact that 65,680 watched the race live, an increase of 16 per cent on the previous year.

Two on the mark

Both George Rae, in Saturday's A to Z guide, and Gerald Hubbard (*The Times* Private Handicapper), in Friday's big-race analysis, pinpointed the 10-1 Grand National winner, Rhyme 'N' Reason.



Kumbi and Carl Llewellyn were unscathed after making a spectacular departure at Becher's second time round in the National at Aintree on Saturday (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Sad Cox takes crash course in broken dreams



To have a ride in the National was a dream come true, Clive Cox was telling me a couple of days before the race. But to ride a horse with a real chance: this was beyond everything. He was tingling with excitement, and suffused with a desperate desire to do well.

All right, I said. I'll see you afterwards, in the winner's enclosure, or wherever. I want to know what it feels like going round the Grand National course for the first time.

Cox was to ride Sacred Path, which was a 16-1 shot when we spoke. By the time the horses were lining up for the start, Sacred Path had been promoted to favourite. A deluge of late money had sent the odds down to 17-2. Your first ride in the National, and on the favourite, too: who could ask for more?

Cox was perfectly prepared. He had walked the course, leapt every fence a thousand times in his head. He had planned to jump the horse out early, and stay well up with the place from the start. The horse was a marvellous jumper, one he had every faith in. Its virtues were trumpeted on the front pages of the *The Sporting Life* that morning.

After the parade in front of the stands before the race, Cox walked Sacred Path a little away from the rest, aloof as Lester Piggott, getting the horse calm and relaxed, and getting his own game head on, as the Americans say. If ever there was a chance for an ambitious young jockey to make his mark, this was it.

And with a bang and a roar, the tapes were up and the race was off, and Cox set off to win his race. He jumped the horse out quite according to plan, and was in the first three as they took the first.

That was where the Grand National ended. Sacred Path fell. Cox lay unbelieving on the ground, and got a kick on the knee as one of life's little bonuses. On went the field, with 29 jumps to go. For Cox, well, he was left with plenty of time to consider the eternal verities.

"One of the things about the horse is that he is such a good jumper," Cox said wonderingly afterwards. "But this time, he just didn't quite get the height. So he hit the top of the fence."

It is not just the height of the Aintree obstacles that make the National unique, nor the ultra-marathon distance. It is also the construction of the fences. I know that the fences look soft and welcoming, with all that sprace, but they are hypocrites. Under the fir, the fences are constructed from tough and unyielding thorn branches. You can skim through the top of a normal park fence. You can't skim through a National fence, any more than you can skim through a brick wall.

"Yes, on any other course he would have got away with it," Cox said. "He's not normally a horse that takes liberties, but he took a liberty today. You can't take liberties in the National."

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Fortunes fluctuate on famous run-in

The pulsating duel between Rhyme 'N' Reason and Durham Edition for the Seagram Grand National on Saturday, in which the latter was overhauled on the 494-yard run-in, gave yet another reminder of how often the world's most demanding steeplechase contains a race within a race after the 30 punishing fences have been jumped (Michael Seely writes).

Perhaps the most moving finish of all time occurred when Crisp, who had been 20 lengths clear at the last after a spectacular display of fencing, was caught close home by the dogged Red Rum in the first of his record three victories.

Twenty-one years ago Foinavon was one of the most extraordinary winners in the history of the race when left on his own after the remainder of the runners had been brought to a standstill at the 23rd fence.

The next three winners, Red Alligator, Highland Wedding and Gay Trip, all scored by 20 lengths and won unchallenged. Then in 1971 Specify came late on the scene to beat Black Secret and Astbury in a close affair.

Red Rum's last two victories were decisively gained, but in 1975 and 1976 he had no answer to the superior burst of speed in produced by L'Escargot and Rag Trade respectively on the long run-in.

The 1978 renewal produced one of the most extraordinary spectacles in the race's history when Lucius was brought with a storming run from the last to beat Sebastian V and Drumroan after five horses had jumped the fence together.

In quick succession from 1980 to 1982, Ben Nevis, Aldaniti and Grittar, all won by wide margins after being clear of their rivals a long way from home.

Then in 1983 and 1984, Corbiere and Hallo Dandy both had to withstand sustained challenges from Greasepaint after looking to have the race in the bag at the last.

In the past four years we have seen four different types of races. The moody Last Suspect in 1985 produced a flourish to edge out the clear leader at the last, Mr Snugfit, close home. In 1986 West Tip collared Young Driver on the run-in, and in 1987 Maori Venture also came from behind at the final jump to catch Lean Ar Aghaidh and then withstand the late attack of The Tsarevich. Then we had Saturday's amazing affair.

No hard and fast rules exist about this extraordinary race over 4½ miles. It is primarily regarded as a test of jumping, but as its results show it is also a trial of speed, stamina and will, the qualities needed in other less demanding races. It is all part of its fascination.

Frustrated Scudamore foiled by Becher's Brook

By Christopher Goulding

Peter Scudamore's hopes of completing the Grand National course for the sixth successive year running were brought to an abrupt halt when Strands Of Gold fell at Becher's Brook on the second circuit.

Scudamore was going ominously well in the lead on the inside when Strands Of Gold hit the fence and as he fell, he nearly brought down Course Hunter.

"I'd been having a marvellous ride until I met Becher's all wrong," Scudamore said. "I was still going very well at the time."

The other jockeys in Saturday's big race had this to say:

BRENDAN POWELL (Rhyme 'N' Reason): I was always going well but didn't want to be in front when Little Polveir fell. I didn't think I would win when Chris Grant went past but the horse saw a battle, reacted and away he went. He is a law unto himself.

CHRIS GRANT (Durham Edition): I thought I had the race won jumping the last but Rhyme 'N' Reason just wore me down. You win some, you lose some. I could not have wished for a better ride. So close, but so far.

TOM TAAFFE (Monanore): They went too fast and he got tired. I thought five out, crossing the Melling Road, I was in with a chance but I could not go with them. He popped his fences well and was very clever. A great ride.

RICHARD DUNWOODY (West Tip): He ran a great race and I've no excuses. I thought I was in with a chance coming past the Canal Turn, but I saw Brendan (Powell) in front of me and I thought he would win as long as he stood up. It was a good performance under top weight.

NIALL MADDEN (Attitude Adjuster): I got on very well. It was a pity I couldn't hold my place early on but we were running on a bit at the finish. I had a good race.

NEALE DOUGHTY (Friendly Henry): I was always struggling. The horse has never won a race and he was never going to win one today. But I've got round five times in a row so I can't complain.

JOHN WHITE (The Tsarevich): The ground was too soft — a great pity as it had come right for him before Friday's rain. But again, like last year, the going went against us. He jumped round well.

PAUL CROUCHER (Course Hunter): He was going very sweet until Becher's second time when he didn't get his landing gear down and very nearly fell. It knocked the stuffing right out of him. But for that I would have gone very close. He gave me a super ride.

GUY LANDAU (Lean Ar Aghaidh): He didn't like the going — it just wasn't his ground. He jumped brilliantly.

SIMON SHERWOOD (Border Burg): A great ride but the ground caught him out. That's what beat us.

TOMMY CARMODY (Lastofthebrownies): I was travelling well when he put in an extra stride, got too close and hit the third last. The tank was certainly not empty and I would have gone very close.

MARTIN KINANE (Brass Change): I had a good ride but it was hard work all the way. He got tired and came down at the third last. I was delighted as it was my first ride.

PAT LEECH (Seeandem): I was pleased with the way he ran and would probably have finished about eighth but for refusing at the 27th.

ROBERT STRONGE (Big Brown Bear): He refused at the last ditch but only because there were two loose horses in the ditch and two more standing in front of it.

KEVIN JONES (Sir Jest): We refused but I'm not sure which fence it was. We had been going very well till then.

RONNIE BEGGAN (Membersen): I was delighted to get over The Chair — I've landed on top of it three times so it was fourth time lucky. I would have finished but for the fact there were four horses in the last ditch. I couldn't jump it and had to pull up.

MARK DWYER (Bucko): We had to pull up four out because there were two horses in the ditch.

DERMOT BROWNE (Eton Rouge): I had a great ride. We jumped round on the inside, up there all the way. The horse enjoyed it very much. Jumped Becher's well second time but when we got to Valentine's Brook second time I had to pull up. There were four loose horses in the ditch and there was no way I could get through. I really enjoyed it and hopefully I'll be back next year.

TOM MORGAN (Little Polveir): He jumped very well until the one before the ditch. He just put down again, met it a little bit long and unseated me. He was going well at the time and could have reached a place.

BEN DE HAAN (Insure): I had a good ride until I was unshipped at the seventh fence second time round.

CARL LLEWELLYN (Kumbi): I fell at Becher's second time but had had a lovely ride until then. He was tiring at the time, though. The ground was too soft. On decent ground I would have finished but it was tesling old ground. It was a brilliant first ride.

RICHARD ROWE (Bright Dream): I was having a good ride until Becher's second time round where I got brought down. I would have kept staying on but I don't think I was close enough at the time to be dangerous.

GEE ARMYTAGE (Gee-A): I pulled something in my back on the second circuit and the horse was going really well. I had to pull him up as I couldn't give him any more help. I think he would have been placed.

SEAMUS O'NEILL (Preben Fur): I had a good ride. He jumped really well but I was always in the back six or seven. I pulled him up after the third ditch last time.

STEVE KNIGHT (Tracys Special): I pulled up before Becher's second time. He broke a blood vessel. He wasn't really going well and never handled the ground. The way he ran, I should think he broke it very early on. A little bit disappointing, but that's racing.

HYWEL DAVIES (Northern Bay): He could have gone round four times — he's bombproof. I just dodged trouble at the first fence but by the time I had reached the second fence, I realized he couldn't go on the dead ground. I was chasing him along to keep in touch and didn't want to dishearten him so I pulled him up.

MARK RICHARDS (Midnight Madness): I pulled up after just over a circuit. I fancied my chances before the race until last night when the rain went against me. It was tiring ground — hard work.

KEN MORGAN (Hard Case): I fell at the first ditch second time round but we were not going well. The ground was too heavy. If the ground is good he might come back again.

COLIN HAWKINS (Repington): He burst a blood vessel after a circuit and that was that.

MARTIN BRENNAN (Oyde Hills): I did a complete circuit but then he pulled himself up.

AL HAMBLY (Smartside): We jumped round once but fell two fences after The Chair. He was going very well — jumped Becher's and The Chair beautifully.

JAYO KINANE (Polly's Pal): At the Canal Turn my saddle slipped. I bumped into another horse and came off. It was a bit unfortunate because he had jumped brilliantly until then.

VENETIA WILLIAMS (Marcolo): He was going well within himself and jumping well until falling at Becher's.

JOHN QUEALLY (Lucisis): I got brought down at Becher's first time. Short and sweet.

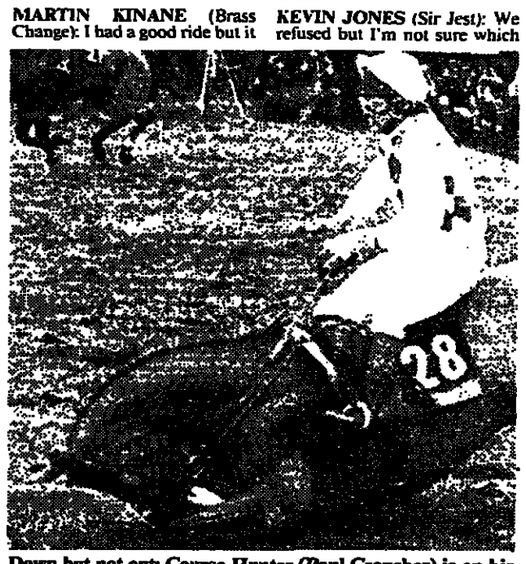
PETER HOBBS (You're Welcome): One of my leathers broke at the third fence and I couldn't pull him up until Becher's.

MARK PERRETT (Smith's Man): He broke down after the first fence.

PENNY FFITCH-HEYES (Hettinger): It's the biggest disappointment of my life. To have been involved in such a great race and not to have gone further. I would love to do it again on something that jumps.

MICHAEL BOWLBY (Tullamarine): He fell at the first. He landed steep and could not get a leg out. I will definitely be back next year. It was my first ride and I can only improve on that.

CLIVE COX (Sacred Path): He hit the top of the first fence. He's a horse that does not usually take liberties but you can't make mistakes at Aintree.



Down but not out: Course Hunter (Paul Croucher) is on his knees at Becher's second time but survived to finish eighth

Williams on the mend after fall on Marcolo

Venetia Williams was released from hospital yesterday after injuring her neck when Marcolo fell at Becher's Brook first time round in the National.

Miss Williams was taken to Liverpool's Walton Hospital with her neck in a protective collar after suffering a whiplash injury. A hospital spokesman said yesterday: "She is very well nd she is being allowed home today."

Another of the three women riders, Gee Armytage, who hurt her back and pulled up after briefly taking the lead on Gee-A, did not require hospital treatment.

So with Penny Ffitch-Heyes falling at the first on Hettinger, Geraldine Rees's 1982 conquest of the Aintree fences on Cheers is still the only time that a woman jockey has successfully completed the course.

Miss Armytage, though, would surely have made the record books had fate not intervened as she approached Becher's for the second time.

Her mount Gee-A had cut out much of the early pace and might still have made the first four when Miss Armytage felt severe back pains.

"He had been going really well when he made a mistake. I nearly fell off, but when I recovered something went in my back, and I just had to pull him up," she said. "It was heartbreaking — I was practically crying. I swear we would have been placed."

Miss Armytage, who had a clutch of telegrams from well-wishers awaiting her when she arrived at the course, has now been signed off for a few days while her back recovers.

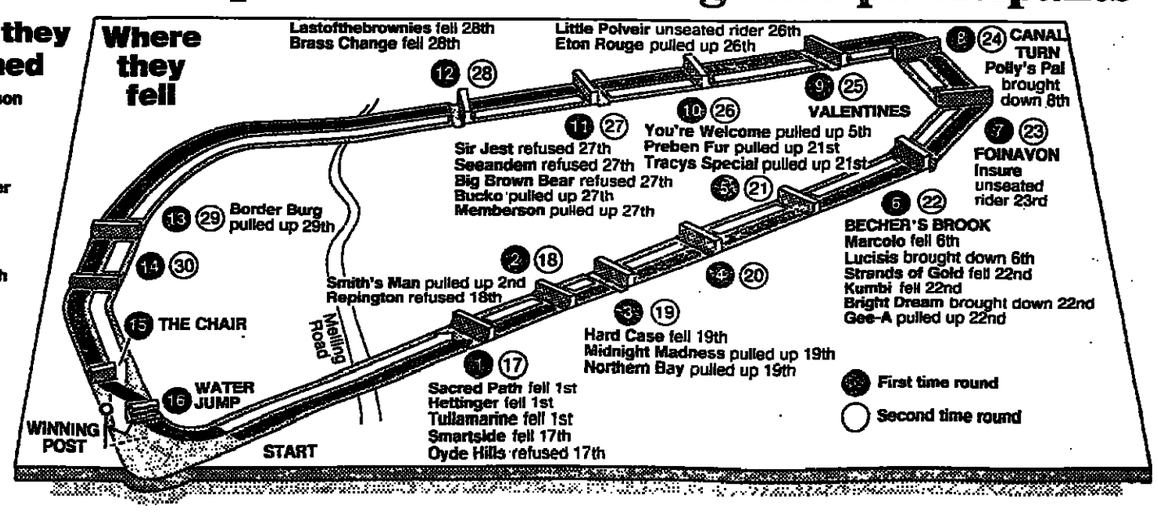
"I'm a bit sore, but otherwise all right," she added: "Gee-A had done everything himself and just needed some help from me to get round. But I couldn't do it for him."

After Hettinger had fallen at the first, Miss Ffitch-Heyes said: "He made a right mess of it. But I'd love to come back and take part again on a horse that can jump. The atmosphere has been fantastic."

Arrivals and departures of the 40 big-race participants

Where they finished

1 Rhyme 'N' Reason
2 Durham Edition
3 Monanore
4 West Tip
5 Attitude Adjuster
6 Friendly Henry
7 The Tsarevich
8 Course Hunter
9 Lean Ar Aghaidh



Winning jockey cleared after whip inquiry

Following his National victory, Brendan Powell was called before the stewards who inquired into his use of the whip from the second-last fence.

They accepted his explanation, after viewing the film of the race and taking evidence from the vet, and then congratulated him.

On hearing that there was an inquiry, trainer David Elsworth said "I am not surprised. He was in a rather desperate situation, but I don't think the horse has suffered."

● Neale Doughty and John White each picked up an Aintree clear round award for successfully negotiating the course's 30 Grand National fences for the fifth time. Doughty was sixth on Friendly Henry, and White, seventh on The Tsarevich.

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Gild The Lily can score for Cecil

By Mandarin

Henry Cecil, the 1987 champion trainer, can gain his first success of the new season with Gild The Lily in the Bluebell Fillies' Graduation Stakes at Wolverhampton this afternoon. She is my nap.

The Ile De Bourbon filly has a rather illustrious predecessor to live up to as Cecil won the race last year with the outstanding Indian Skimmer.

Whether she can reach the same heights remains to be seen, but on the evidence of her only run last term, an encouraging fifth to Pamusi in a good-class Newmarket maiden, she should certainly be capable of winning today's event.

This nine-furlong trip — two furlongs more than that Newmarket contest — will, in view of her quite stout breeding, be in her favour, and she should have the edge over Mac's Sister, who bustled up the odds-on *In The Rigging* at Newcastle nine days ago.

Creeager can make his fitness tell in the Hyacinth Handicap. He followed a successful spell of hurdling with a fair fifth to The Footman at Doncaster last month.

However, I expect a bold show from Highland Laird, although his fitness has to be taken on trust. His two emphatic wins in selling company last season suggest he is better than just a plater.

The Mick Easterby-trained Tarkovsky, a beaten favourite at Hamilton Park last time, can make amends by taking the Crocus Claiming Stakes at the expense of recent scorer Winmoss.

Raahin, who gave Susan Piggott her success as a trainer in her own right when prevailing at Folkestone last month, can make a winning return to the track in the Westenhanger House Handicap.

He made virtually all on that occasion and had only to be kept up to his work to beat Lesbet, who upheld the form with a good short-head second at Lingfield Park on Saturday.

Joe Mercer, racing manager to owner Maktoum Al-Maktoum, expressed the view that Raahin had thrived physically over the winter, and with that in mind there is every reason to think that the three-year-old can continue to improve on the track.

William Jarvis, one of the younger generation of Newmarket trainers, may have the answer to the Chilham Maiden Fillies' Stakes with **Tendency**.

She made a hugely promising debut when third to Spirits Dancing and Melodist — both good winners subsequently — at Yarmouth last August, and may have found the six-furlong trip too sharp when fifth to the speedy Golden Garter at Ripon next time.

For the best bet on the National Hunt programme at Hexham I nominate Mr Perfect to defy top weight in the Aydon Novices' Handicap Chase. His two-length second to Rinus over this course and distance last month was made to look all the better by the winner's Liverpool success on Friday.

Blinkered first time

FOLKESTONE: 2.45 Boca Chimes, 3.15 Lady Of Bath, 3.45 Tender Tiff, 4.15 Chic-Anita.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

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2.30 Valldemosa.
3.00 Miss Torpedo.
3.30 Creeager.
4.00 GILD THE LILY (nap).
4.30 Tarkovsky.
5.00 Abathatc.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
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3.30 Picea.
4.00 Gild The Lily.
4.30 The Cottage.
5.00 Alnashme.

By Michael Seely
3.30 Bold Illusion. 4.00 GILD THE LILY (nap). 5.00 Ridgiduct.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 MARINA GRANDE.

Going: soft (good to soft home straight) Draw: 5f, high numbers best

2.30 TRILLIUM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £822: 5f) (14 runners)

2 (8) BARTER (Mrs B Long) R Casey 9-0 ... S Cauthen —
3 (4) BEAUCADEAU (P Stroud) K Brassey 9-0 ... W Newnes —
6 (10) ELOFAHABIT (D Brereton) L Barratt 9-0 ... R Hills —
7 (13) MICKELEEN (N Sweeney) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks —
8 (6) 2 ORCHARD'S PET 11 (P Stranger) W G M Turner 9-0 ... T Williams —
9 (7) 3 SAMSON-AGONISTES 6 (Mrs C Seymour) B Preece 9-0 ... N Howe —
17 (12) HANNAH'S SECRET (K Merriman) B Palling 8-9 ... J Williams —
18 (3) LEVITT LADY (C Johns) D Haydn Jones 8-9 ... G Baxter —
19 (9) LUCY TABS (R Taberner) R Juckes 8-9 ... A Juckes (7) —
20 (2) MANDRAKE MAGIC (Turner & Beer Ltd) I Campbell 8-9 ... R Morse (5) —
24 (5) RAISE MEMORIES (R Shaw) B McMahon 8-9 ... —
26 (1) SPACEMATE GIRL (Blorwich Storage Systems) J Berry 8-9 ... K Darley —
27 (11) SWEETEN GALE (H Rushworth) M Brittain 8-9 ... M Wigham —
29 (14) VALLDEMOSA (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 8-9 ... J Carroll (5) —

BETTING: 2-1 Beaucadeau, 7-2 Orchards Pet, 5-1 Samson-Agonistes, 6-1 Barter, 7-1 Sweeten Gale, 8-1 Valldemosa, 10-1 Mickeleen, 12-1 Spacemate Girl, 14-1 others.

1987: PFYNNONGROYW 8-9 Paul Eddery (5-1) J Shaw 14 ran

FORM ORCHARDS PET (9-0) staying-on 4l 2nd to Blue Bell Music (9-0) at Hamilton (5f, £1278, heavy, Mar 31, 6 ran). SAMSON-AGONISTES (9-0) 3l 2nd to Mendelian (9-0) at Warwick (5f, £1323, good to soft, Apr 5, 12 ran). BARTER (Apr 24, 15,000gns). By smart sprinter Petorius out of a middle-distance mare. BEAUCADEAU (May 6, 5,000gns). Dam winning sprinter in France. From a stable which generally has some sharp two-year-olds. SWEETEN GALE (May 17, 2,800gns). By On Your Mark, an influence for speed, out of an unraced half-sister to good sprinter Storm Warning. VALLDEMOSA (May 29). By Music Boy, proven sire of sprinters, out of winning sprint mare.
Selection: SAMSON-AGONISTES

3.0 WALLFLOWER SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £959: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (1) 000-00 GOLDEN PETINGO 4 (T Wong) M Brittain 9-7 ... M Wigham —
4 (15) 1400-0 HAYDEN COURT 7 (F) (Mrs K Cleary) D Haydn Jones 9-3 ... G Baxter 80
6 (16) -0000-0 MAY OVER 9 (K Warner) B McMahon 8-12 ... M Lynch (5) —
9 (6) 000020- BLESSED LADY 182 (G Hill) C Hill 8-10 ... P D'Arcy 80
10 (13) 44000-0 CISSWOOD GIRL 6 (A Denson) A Denson 8-9 ... W Newnes 85
11 (4) 0030-0 ATTILA THE HONEY 6 (Mrs D Johnston) M Johnston 8-8 ... R P Elliott 80
14 (9) 0000-0 MY SWAN SONG 9 (M Perrett) J P Smith 8-6 ... R Street 82
15 (12) 00000-0 MASTER TYKE 5 (D White) A Smith 8-6 ... S Webster 87
16 (7) 000044- MISS TORPEDO 202 (B) (Lady Brassey) K Brassey 8-6 ... N Adams 84
17 (10) 00000-1 SPORTING IDOL 6 (D,S) (A Merritt) T M Jones 8-6 (7ex) ... Dean McKeown 92
22 (5) 002000- ANGUS PRINCESS 220 (K Panos) K Ivory 8-1 ... M Roberts 83
23 (3) 00000-0 NATTER PATTER 6 (B Stevens) B Stevens 8-0 ... A Mackay —
24 (14) 404-202 MARINA GRANDE 5 (T Barron) T Barron 8-0 ... T Williams ● 99
25 (8) 0000- WHOISIT 256 (Mrs P Hannon) W Morris 7-13 ... J Williams —
26 (11) 0402-3 LUTINETTE 6 (P Deal) M Usher 7-12 ... A McGlone 85
28 (2) 44300-4 HELEN LOUISE 6 (M Marsh) M Johnston 7-12 ... M Fozzard 80

BETTING: 7-2 Lutinette, 4-1 Marina Grande, 9-2 Sporting Idol, 6-1 Master Tyke, 8-1 Petingo, 10-1 Helen Louise, 12-1 My Swan Song, 14-1 Blessed Lady, 16-1 others.

1987: HEAVENLY CAROL 4-8-12 W Carson (9-1) P Cundell 17 ran

FORM HAYDEN COURT (8-6) best effort 1½l defeat of Ribomonde (8-6) at Leicester last season (5f, £742, firm, Apr 25, 13 ran). MAY OVER (8-9) 9½l 5th to Crimpsall (8-11) at *Haydock with MY SWAN SONG (9-0) ¾l 6th* (6f, £1384, heavy, Apr 2, 13 ran). BLESSED LADY (8-8) best effort 1½l 2nd to Nore Hill (8-13) at Chepstow on penultimate start with *LUTINETTE (8-8) 1¾l 4th (7f, £847, good, Sep 12, 14 ran).* MISS TORPEDO (8-9) 3½l 4th to Miss Camellia (8-10) at Leicester (1m, £1060, good, Sep 22, 19 ran). SPORTING IDOL (8-5) beat Anstey Boy (8-2) neck at Warwick (7f, £732, good to soft, Apr 5, 18 ran) with *LUTINETTE (8-4) 7l 3rd, HELEN LOUISE (8-4) 2½l 4th, NATTER PATTER (8-8) 4l 7th, ATTILA THE HONEY (9-0) ¾l 8th* and CISSWOOD GIRL (9-1) 2½l 9th. MARINA GRANDE (8-3) 5l 2nd to Lucky Jo (8-10) at Catterick *with MASTER TYKE (8-6) 4½l 5th (7f,* £1017, good, Apr 6, 14 ran).
Selection: MARINA GRANDE

3.30 HYACINTH HANDICAP (£3,273: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1 (3) 0010-0 POSITIVE WAY 18 (D,G) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 4-9-11 ... P Burke (7) 94
2 (1) 210004- PICEA 156 (G) (T Warner) M Jarvis 5-9-10 ... P Hutton (5) 94
4 (4) 200/004- CABOT 276 (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 4-8-11 ... S Cauthen 90
5 (6) 40040/0 *ABSENT LOVER 7 (C,F,S) (F Yardley) F Yardley 7-8-9* ... I Johnson —
6 (9) 00003-6 GREENHILLS PRIDE 6 (L Audus) M Ryan 4-8-7 ... R Cochrane 91
8 (5) 10104/0 STAR OF IRELAND 9 (G,S) (J Strickland) G Price 8-6-2 ... J Williams —
9 (10) 000011- HIGHLAND LAIRD 9J (D,S) (J Furlong) D Ringer 4-8-1 ... G Baxter 96
11 (12) 30230-0 CREEAGER 16 (BF,F,S) (J M Berry) J Wharton 6-8-0 ... A Mackay 96
13 (2) 011032- EXPLETIVE 238 (B,C,D,F,G) (J Kenyon) M Eckley 8-7-12 ... M Fry ● 99
15 (11) U40/13-F BOLD ILLUSION 9 (CD,G,S) (H Thursfield) M Eckley 10-7-7 ... Dana Mellor (5) 93
17 (7) 310000- FRED THE TREAD 38J (S) (G Greenwood) T Casey 6-7-7 ... — 88
18 (8) 0006-03 GO WEST 7 (D Pengelly) R Holder 4-7-7 ... T Williams 95
20 (13) 00020/0 PRINCESS JENNY 6 (Mrs J Adlington) M Tate 6-7-7 ... S Wood (7) —
22 (14) 200/000- LHASA 579 (D,G) (J Wynne) R Francis 6-7-7 ... N Carlisle —

Long handicap: Fred The Tread 7-5, Go West 7-5, Princess Jenny 7-1, Lhasa 6-12.

BETTING: 4-1 Bold Illusion, 9-2 Expletive, 5-1 Highland Laird, 6-1 Picea, 8-1 Creeager, 10-1 Positive Way, 12-1 Go West, 14-1 Cabot, 16-1 others.

1987: BOLD ILLUSION 9-7-4 L Riggio (7-2 fav) M Eckley 13 ran

FORM POSITIVE WAY (8-2) at best when beating Primula Star (7-13) 2½l at York (1m 4f, £3220, good, Oct 8, 9 ran). PICEA (9-3) 10½l 4th to Media Starguest (9-7) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, £4643, good, Nov 7, 16 ran). HIGHLAND LAIRD (9-0) beat Patient Dreamer (8-4) 5l at Leicester (1m 4f, sell, £897, soft, Nov 3, 10 ran). CREEAGER (8-5) 14½l 5th to The Footman (7-13) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, £1887, soft, Mar 24, 18 ran). EXPLETIVE (9-0) running-on ½l 2nd to Height Of Summer (8-5) at Leicester (1m 4f, £2754, good to firm, Aug 17, 15 ran). BOLD ILLUSION (7-11) best effort short head defeat Sir Crusty (9-1) at *Wolverhampton (1m 4f, £2746,* soft, Apr 13, 13 ran). GO WEST (7-8) 4½l 3rd to The Footman (8-1) at Warwick (1m 2f 170yd, £1691, good to soft, Apr 4, 19 ran).
Selection: HIGHLAND LAIRD

4.0 BLUEBELL FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m 1f) (16 runners)

1 (1) 4100- LAUGHING-MISSIE 265 (S) (Stud Power Ltd) W G Turner 9-7 ... A Culhane (5) 65
3 (12) 0 BETHEL ORCHARD 16 (P Brain) J P Smith 8-11 ... R Street —
4 (8) 0- BRILLIANTLY SHARP 296 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11 ... J Reid 76
8 (5) 0-0 FENLANDS 7 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-11 ... P Cook 77
10 (16) 0- FIRST TRADITION 175 (A Newcombe) C Hill 8-11 ... Dean McKeown —
11 (6) 0- GILD THE LILY 163 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11 ... S Cauthen ● 99
12 (13) 022002- JUST PRECIOUS 219 (P Venner) G Blum 8-11 ... G Duffield 93
13 (14) 0- *KINDEST TANG 317 (B Tang) K Brassey 8-11* ... I Johnson —
14 (15) 03- LADY ROSANNA 188 (Mrs W Protheroe-Benyon) I Balding 8-11 ... J Matthias 96
15 (9) 00-0 LA GARONNE 7 (F Walton) C Charlet 8-11 ... R Guest 77
17 (3) 0-2 MAC'S SISTER 9 (J Fisher) M Ryan 8-11 ... R Cochrane 92
18 (4) 00- MISS FANTASIA 194 (Mrs P Maynett) R Casey 8-11 ... M Birch 61
21 (11) 0- MY PRETTY MAID 203 (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) A Stewart 8-11 ... M Roberts 85
23 (7) OPALKINO (Mrs M Leslie) A W Jones 8-11 ... R Curant —
24 (10) 00- SANTELLA LADY 258 (R Talano) M Ryan 8-11 ... N Day —
25 (2) SHUDDABOT (Mrs C Straub-Rubens) C Brittain 8-11 ... W Ryan —

BETTING: 4-7 Gild The Lily, 9-2 Lady Rosanna, 6-1 Mac's Sister, 12-1 Shuddabot, 14-1 My Pretty Maid, 16-1 Fenlands, 20-1 others.

1987: INDIAN SKIMMER 8-11 S Cauthen (8-13 fav) H Cecil 16 ran

FORM LAUGHING MISSIE (8-6) beat Miss Myra (8-6) 1l in Warwick seller (6f, £820, good to soft, June 6, 11 ran). *BRILLIANTLY SHARP (8-11) 16½l last of 5 to* Intimate Guest (8-11) on Ascot debut (6f, £7094, heavy, June 20). GILD THE LILY (8-11) 3¾l 5th to Pamusi (8-11) at Newmarket (7f, £4627, good to soft, Oct 31, 28 ran). JUST PRECIOUS (8-8) neck 2nd to Ayabi Mou (8-6) in Thirsk nursery (7f, £4695, good, Sep 5, 16 ran). LADY ROSANNA (8-11) 3l 3rd to Upper Strata (8-11) over course and distance (£1076, soft, Oct 6, 10 ran). MAC'S SISTER (8-11) head 2nd to odds-on In The Rigging (8-11) at Newcastle (1m, mdn, £1828, good to soft, Apr 2, 5 ran).
Selection: GILD THE LILY

4.30 CROCUS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,907: 1m 1f) (19 runners)

2 (12) 00-02 *TARKOVSKY 11 (BF) (C St George) M W Easterby 9-7* ... D Nicholls 89
4 (9) 0- DESERT PALM 192 (Mrs R Wyley) N Vigors 9-4 ... P Cook —
5 (1) MURJAAN (B Hanbury) B Hanbury 9-4 ... S Keightley —
6 (18) MARKET CRASH (Victor Chandler Ltd) W Musson 9-3 ... A Mackay —
7 (15) 000- *MORE MANNERS 172 (J Stafford) R Holder 9-3* ... I Johnson —
8 (2) 000- CLASS STRUGGLE 175 (R Morley) D Laing 8-13 ... T Williams 79
9 (19) 000- COLONEL BILSTON 259 (Mrs P Brown) M Blanshard 8-13 ... N Adams 81
10 (14) 0 EL PADRINO 7 (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-13 ... M Roberts —
11 (11) 000000- *INVOLVED AGAIN 174 (R Rujas) D Marks 8-13* ... M L Thomas 63
12 (10) 000- PINEY POINT 203 (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 8-13 ... R Cochrane —
14 (4) 00100-1 WINMOSS 7 (F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-13 ... M Wigham ● 99
15 (8) 0- MOONLIGHT PRINCESS 193 (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-12 ... W Newnes —
16 (16) 020230- *HEARD IT BEFORE 205 (S) (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 8-11* ... A Culhane (5) 94
20 (13) 400- SHARP ORDER 224 (R Whalley) P Kelleway 8-7 ... J Reid 97
21 (17) 041000- SWAYED ASHORE 212 (F) (D Pugh) K White 8-7 ... J Williams 81
22 (7) 0- DANCING LUCY 280 (Amberlan Ltd) R Juckes 8-6 ... A Juckes (7) —
24 (6) 030- PRAIRIE AGENT 265 (Mrs B Stevenson) P Felgate 6-6 ... G Duffield 70
25 (3) 00- THOROUGHFARE 278 (John FitzGerald) John FitzGerald 8-6 ... R Hills —
28 (5) THE COTTAGE (Mrs L Crofts) A Hide 8-3 ... J Quinn (5) —

BETTING: 3-1 Tarkovsky, 4-1 Sharp Order, 5-1 Murjaan, 6-1 Winmoss, 8-1 El Padrino, 10-1 Heard It Before, 12-1 Desert Palm, 14-1 Thoroughfare, 16-1 others.

1987: MONTFORT 8-8 B Raymond (11-8) W Jarvis 2 ran

FORM TARKOVSKY (9-0) 6l 2nd to Majority *Holding (9-0) in Hamilton maiden last* time (6f, £1026, heavy, Mar 31, 10 ran). CLASS STRUGGLE (8-12) 10½l 6th to Dust Devil (9-5) at Chepstow (7f, £1055, soft, Oct 19, 13 ran). WINMOSS (8-11) 1½l winner from Hogan's Run (9-4) at Nottingham (1m 50yd claim, £1320, heavy, Apr 4, 12 ran) with EL PADRINO (8-7) 12½l 8th. HEARD IT BEFORE (8-5) neck 2nd to Stylish Darling *(9-6) in Windsor nursery in August (6f, £1957, good,* 11 ran). SHARP ORDER (9-0) favourite on Goodwood debut last season (5f, £1644, good, May 20, 7 ran) when 9l 4th to Undercut (9-0). Well beaten subsequently.
Selection: SHARP ORDER

5.0 DAFFODIL HANDICAP (£2,306: 5f) (20 runners)

1 (1) 214020- ABATHATC 214 (D,G,S) (R Mello) C Nelson 4-10-0 ... J Reid 96
2 (20) 2000- LOCHONICA 9 (D,G,S) (S Woodall) T Barron 5-10-0 ... D Nicholls 94
3 (2) 000230- SANDITTON PALACE 240 (CD,F,G) (J Abell) P Felgate 5-9-5 ... G Duffield 92
4 (3) 24U300- *PENDOR DANCER 156 (V,D,F,G) (W Patterson) K Ivory 5-9-3* ... R Cochrane 95
6 (6) 442/100- ALNASHME 182 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 6-9-0 ... J Curant 85
7 (16) 12020-0 SO RHYTHMICAL 7 (F) (Miss C Barrow) A Hide 4-8-13 ... A Riding (7) 96
9 (4) 400010- IMPALA LASS 178 (D,F,G,S) (R Shaw) B McMahon 5-8-10 ... M Lynch (5) 90
10 (11) 20U000- *NAGEM 170 (F) (D Brereton) L Barratt 5-8-10* ... R Hills 89
11 (13) 00000-0 KELLY'S ROYALE 14 (D,F,G) (F Cadman) D Wilson 6-8-10 ... D J Williams (5) —
14 (18) 1010-30 DOMINO ROSE 7 (F,G) (Mrs H Beaulon) D Wilson 4-8-5 ... W Newnes 95
16 (7) 004040- HIGH VELOCITY 192 (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 5-7-12 ... A Proud 96
17 (8) 00030-0 DEBACH REVENGE 7 (D,G,S) (Nation Wide Racing) R Stubbs 6-7-11 ... — 90
18 (17) 300U0-2 RIDGIDUCT 14 (J Berry) J Wharton 4-7-10 ... A Culhane (5) 98
20 (15) 400200- JACQUI JOY 178 (D,F) (J Berry) J Berry 5-7-7 ... Dana Mellor (5) 98
21 (19) 410000- EVER SO SHARP 181 (D,F,G) (P Wheeler) J P Smith 5-7-7 ... R Street 89
22 (12) 40000-0 PINK PUMPKIN 7 (D,F,G) (N Biggs) J Bosley 4-7-7 ... N Adams 94
23 (10) -4010-20 COMMANDER MEADEN 7 (F) (T Howarth) R Stubbs 5-7-7 ... P Burke (7) ● 99
24 (14) 000- EEGEE WHIP 160 (Industrial Glove Co Ltd) M Eckley 4-7-7 ... M Fry —
25 (9) 0003- AFRICAN LASS 161 (J Connor) T Casey 4-7-7 ... Dale Gibson (7) 89
26 (5) 0004-04 ROYAL BEAR 7 (D,F,S) (E Monaghan) J Bradley 6-7-7 ... T Williams 92

Long handicap: Jacqui Joy 7-6, Ever So Sharp 7-5, Pink Pumpkin 7-4, Commander Meaden 7-4, Eegee Whip 7-2, African Lass 7-0, Royal Bear 6-13.

BETTING: 5-1 Ridgiduct, 6-1 Sanditton Palace, 8-1 Abathatc, Jacqui Joy, 10-1 Lochonica, So Rhythmical, 12-1 Pendor Dancer, Royal Bear, 14-1 Impala Lass, Commander Meaden, 16-1 others.

1987: MERRYMOLES 4-9-2 R Wernham (12-1) M McCourt 18 ran

FORM ABATHATC (8-7) 1l 2nd to Singing Partner (8-2) in York handicap (5f, £5080, soft, Aug 19, 13 ran). SANDITTON PALACE (9-7) ½l 3rd to Captain's Bidd (7-7) over course and distance in August (£3204, good to firm, 18 ran) with HIGH VELOCITY (8-3) 1¾l 6th and IMPALA LASS (8-5) 9th. ALNASHME (8-6) 4l winner from Debbie Do (9-7) on seasonal debut at Newcastle last term (5f, £2002, good, *Apr 18, 10 ran).* IMPALA LASS (8-4) beat Hilmay (7-11) 2l at Warwick in October (5f, £1668, good to soft, 19 ran) with EVER SO SHARP (7-9) 7th and PINK PUMPKIN (7-9) unplaced. RIDGIDUCT (8-1) short head 2nd to Lonely Street (9-10) at Folkestone (5f, £1335, soft, Mar 28, 15 ran) with DOMINO ROSE (8-10) 1l 3rd, ROYAL BEAR (7-7) 1½l 6th and KELLY'S ROYALE (9-1) unplaced. COMMANDER MEADON (7-13) 1½l 2nd to Gentleschi (7-7) at Newcastle (5f, £1991, good to *soft, Apr 2, 10 ran) with LOCHONICA (10-0) 1½l 4th.*
Selection: RIDGIDUCT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	7	16	43.8	M Roberts	4	13	30.8
C Brittain	5	17	29.4	R Morse	3	12	25.0
A Hide	3	12	25.0	S Cauthen	7	32	21.9
N Vigors	5	20	25.0	J Reid	12	59	20.3
C Nelson	4	19	21.1	R Cochrane	8	42	19.0
I Balding	3	21	14.3	P Cook	6	37	16.2

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Blue Money.
2.15 Lady Lucina.
2.45 Raahin.
3.15 Amigo Estimado.
3.45 Restore.
4.15 Tendency.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Nasturtium.
2.15 Foggy Dew.
2.45 Raahin.
3.15 Breakout.
3.45 All Is Forgiven.
4.15 TENDENCY (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm *Draw: 5f-6f low numbers best*

1.45 HOTHFIELD GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 5f) (10 runners)

4 (10) 00 BLUE MONEY 9 (BF) (J Davey) M McCormack 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
6 (7) DEEP SHADOW (Mrs J Murray-Smith) D Murray-Smith 8-11 ... R Wernham —
7 (3) DOBBIE (D Hunnisett) D Morley 8-11 ... V Smith (5) —
9 (2) 40 FORT REGENT 6 (Miss Y Haynes) M Haynes 8-11 ... R Fox —
13 (1) ROCHALLOR (P Davies) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Jones (5) —
15 (9) YOUNG SHAVER (P H Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 8-11 ... G Carter —
16 (8) COMPLICATED LADY (J Livock) A Lee 8-6 ... Paul Eddery —
18 (5) 0 LOVELY EARS 7 (Sheikh Mohamed Al Sabah) G Fytche 8-6 ... T Quinn —
19 (6) *MIAMI PRIDE (I McGready) D Wintle 8-6* ... J Carr (5) —
21 (4) 3 NASTURTIUM 7 (C Spence) D Morley 8-6 ... B Rouse —

BETTING: 11-10 Nasturtium, 7-2 Lovely Ears, 5-1 Young Shaver, 8-1 Fort Regent, 10-1 Blue Money, Rochallor, 12-1 others.

1987: BRANDON BEACH 8-11 A McGlone (7-2) R Hannon 6 ran

2.15 FAVERSHAM SELLING HANDICAP (£985: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

2 (7) 001030- LORD IT OVER 35J (S) (Hornbild Ltd) J Jenkins 5-9-10 ... Pat Eddery 90
4 (6) 400140- ROSE MEADOW 171J (CD,G) (J Abell) P Felgate 4-9-7 ... Paul Eddery 96
5 (1) 00000-3 LADY LUCINA 14 (BF) (C Harrison) F Jordan 4-9-7 ... A Clark 91
7 (2) 00001- FOGGY DEW 101J (D,S) (Premier Racehorse Owners) D Thom 4-9-5 ... W R Swinburn 95
8 (4) 030010- INNER CALM 139J (V,F) (B Newport) C James 5-9-4 ... B Rouse 93
10 (6) 13000-0 BY CHANCE 14 (G,S) (R Biggs) C Wildman 5-9-0 ... S Whitworth 88
11 (13) 000000- BALHOLM EXPRESS 95J (I Adair) R Curtis 4-9-0 ... A Lappin (7) 94
12 (5) 0000/00- MALEK 137J (F) (E Davies) Mrs B Waring 8-9-0 ... T Ives 91
16 (9) 332023/ FLEUR DE THISTLE 104J (V) (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 5-8-11 ... M Kettle —
18 (12) 020080- RIBOKEYES BOY 51J (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 5-8-10 ... — 95
19 (3) 00000-4 DOUBLER 14 (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neill 5-8-10 ... B Raymond 90
20 (14) 00010-0 HIGHDALE 7 (B,G,S) (Mrs P Cosgrave) J Cosgrave 5-8-8 ... R Fox 86
22 (15) 1/00003- FOLLY GALE 44J (D,F) (Mrs A Upsdell) Mrs C Reavey 4-8-7 ... P Barnard (5) ● 99
23 (11) 0000/0- FRAME OF POWER 26J (Mrs H McConville) R Simpson 5-8-7 ... M Gallagher (7) —
24 (10) 40000/ KILMINGTON CASTLE 525 (J Payne) J Jenkins 8-8-7 ... T Quinn —

BETTING: 5-2 Foggy Dew, 3-1 Lady Lucina, 5-1 Doubler, 8-1 Folly Gale, 14-1 Malek, Lord It Over, 16-1 others.

1987: FANDANGO BOY 4-8-3 R Street (11-4 fav) R Frost 11 ran

2.45 WESTENHANGER HOUSE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,329: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

2 (2) 00030-0 BOCA CHIMES 6 (B) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-7 ... B Rouse 86
3 (7) 040433- DOCTOR RHYTHM 207 (A Anderson) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-7 ... G Carter 93
6 (1) 000-1 RAAHIN 14 (C,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) Mrs L Piggott 9-5 (4ex) ... Pat Eddery 87
9 (4) 0000- STATEN ISLAND 187 (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-10 ... Paul Eddery —
13 (6) 03003- HENRY'S WOLFE 163 (A O'Callaghan) P Haslam 8-9 ... S Dawson ● 99
14 (3) 30000-0 MERCHANT'S DREAM 14 (M Baxter) M Ryan 8-8 ... G Bardwell (5) 80
16 (9) 0000-0 SNOWBALL DAVID 14 (BF) (P Hanlan) D Wilson 8-6 ... T Quinn 98
17 (8) 3000- KNOCK KNOCK 181 (G Smart) N Vigors 8-5 ... A Whitehall (7) 95
18 (12) 000- LADY INSIGHT 161 (T Jeel) M Haynes 8-4 ... R Fox 81
19 (11) 010- EXHAUST LADY 238 (F) (Maidvale Ltd) Miss B Sanders 8-2 ... B Crossley 90
20 (5) 0000- STAR REEF 203 (H Kyley) P Bailey 8-1 ... C Rutter —
21 (10) 000- MALMAINS 187 (S Dow) S Dow 7-7 ... J Carter (5) —

Long handicap: Malmains 7-6.

BETTING: 6-4 Raahin, 3-1 Doctor Rhythm, 11-2 Henry's Wolfe, Snowball David, 10-1 Exhaust Lady, 12-1 Knock Knock, 16-1 others.

1987: ORIENTAL DREAM 9-7 N Day (100-30) J Hindley 8 ran

3.15 WHITSTABLE HANDICAP (£1,427: 1m 1f 100yd) (14 runners)

1 (9) 11000/ ROUBAYD 26J (F,G) (S Cohn) R Akehurst 5-10-4 ... A Adams (7) —
2 (3) 030010- BREAKOUT 194 (CD,G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-9 ... Pat Eddery 92
7 (6) 00/000- VA LUTE 193J (B Clarke) P Howling 4-8-8 ... T Ives —
10 (11) 240300- FOURTH LAD 53J (B) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 4-8-3 ... B Rouse 94
11 (10) 311/033- SUPER GRASS 9J (F,S) (Mrs D Smart) B Smart 9-8-3 ... L Riggio (7) 91
12 (1) 41/000-3 AMIGO ESTIMADO 7 (F) (Mrs F Li) K Brassey 6-8-0 ... T Quinn 83
13 (12) 03000-2 CABALLINE 7J (P Lancaster) M Haynes 4-8-0 ... R Fox ● 99
16 (7) 00010/0- PIP 32J (C,F) (B Smith) S Woodman 8-7-12 ... C Rutter —
17 (13) 00000- LADY OF BATH 16J (B) (D Hodges) D Elsworth 4-7-11 ... S Dawson —
18 (3) 03400- TUNKIN 30J (V) (S Bird) J Scallan 6-7-9 ... P Barnard (5) —
19 (8) 341000- BELVEL 14J (G,S) (Heywood Scaffolding Ltd) D Wintle 5-7-7 ... — 90
20 (5) 200000- ORIENTAL EXPRESS 11J (S) (C Moodie) F Carr 5-7-7 ... G Carter 89
23 (4) 000000- CUILLIN SOUND 182 (V) (A Richards) C Austin 5-7-7 ... G Bardwell (5) 94
24 (14) 00000/ MY DOMINION 4J (S M Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 6-7-7 ... R Price (7) —

Long handicap: Oriental Express 7-3, Cuillin Sound 6-12, My Dominion 6-11.

BETTING: 9-4 Amigo Estimado, 3-1 Caballine, Breakout, 9-2 Roubayd, 8-1 Super Grass, 14-1 Fourth Lad, 25-1 others.

1987: STERNE 5-9-10 M Wigham (5-1) S Mellor 11 ran

3.45 LYMINGE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£970: 6f) (20 runners)

1 (16) 40000-2 RESTORE 7 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Khan) G Lewis 5-9-13 ... P Cecil (5) 96
2 (15) 000420- ALL IS FORGIVEN 214 (B,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 8-9-11 ... M Denaro (5) 91
3 (9) 0/0000-0 TENDER TIFF 14 (B,D,S) (A Sturge) P Mitchell 4-9-7 ... D Montgomery (5) —
5 (6) 101333- *PINCTADA 82J (G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 6-9-2* ... M Gallagher 91
6 (7) 230/000- HIGH CLIMBER 319 (Mrs V Pritchard-Gordon) R Smyth 4-9-2 ... G Kennedy (5) 94
7 (1) 304400- SURELY GREAT 208 (J Livock) J Jenkins 4-8-13 ... C Rate ● 99
8 (17) 302000- VERY SPECIAL LADY 156 (F,G) (K Deveral) A Ingham 3-8-12 ... Abigail Richards 92
9 (20) 00000-0 *GREEN DOLLAR 7 (D,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 5-8-12* ... L Mahoney (5) —
10 (11) 142300- NEVADA MIX 160 (D,F) (N McConnell) N Gaselee 4-8-12 ... A Whitehall 92
11 (2) 400304- AL-TORFANAN 161 (D,G) (A Cousins) P Howling 4-8-9 ... G Athanassiou 89
12 (14) 00/180-0 MR MCGREGOR 7 (V,CD,F,S) (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 6-8-8 ... M Marshall 89
15 (5) 000000- *MONT ARTHUR 151 (D,F) (Mrs J Irving) P Howling 4-8-4* ... A Boxhall 93
17 (18) 100422- MISS MARJORIE 227 (G,S) (R Webb) L Holt 4-8-1 ... T Lang 92
18 (12) 210220- BLOFFA 164 (CD,S) (S Slatcher) P Cundell 4-8-0 ... G Watts 92
20 (8) 0000/00- PETT VELERO 306 (F,S) (S Dow) S Dow 9-7-7 ... S Cairns (5) 88
22 (13) 0004-00 *HEAVENLY CAROL 5 (B,S) (K Cundell) P Cundell 5-7-7* ... M McConnell (5) 84
23 (10) 232000- BLUE DISC 178 (Dealmatch International Ltd) J Jenkins 3-7-7 ... N Kennedy —
24 (4) 00/0000- IMPROVISE 7J (D,F) (J Campbell) W Kemp 5-7-7 ... — —
25 (19) 00000-0 DOUBLE TALK 14 (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 4-7-7 ... D D'Arcy —
26 (3) 0400- L'ECU 212 (Mrs N Smith) Mrs N Smith 3-7-7 ... G Foster 87

Long handicap: Pett Velero 7-6, Heavenly Carol 7-4, Blue Disc 7-4, Improvise 7-3, Double Talk 7-1, L'Ecu 7-0.

BETTING: 5-2 Pinctada, 11-4 Restore, 7-2 Miss Marjorie, 5-1 Bloffa, 7-1 High Climber, 16-1 Al-Torfanan, 25-1 others.

1987: MR MCGREGOR 5-8-3 M Marshall (12-1) H O'Neill 11 ran

4.15 CHILHAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £953: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (15) 00- AUSTRALIS 224 (Sir T Antico) C Nelson 8-11 ... A Clark 81
2 (6) 000- BARE SPECTACLE 161 (J Abell) P Felgate 8-11 ... Paul Eddery —
3 (9) *BERLIANI (C Singer) P Cole 8-11* ... T Quinn —
4 (7) BEST FOOT FORWARD (Mrs S Jones) Mrs D Haine 8-11 ... M Hills —
5 (8) 040220- BIRCHGREY LADY 181 (P Mitchell) P Mitchell 8-11 ... C Rutter 80
6 (12) 32- CARPE DIEM 161 (R Hutchinson) R Hutchinson 8-11 ... B Rouse 98
7 (1) 2000- CHIC-ANITA 203 (B) (A Barraclough) M Usher 8-11 ... G Carter 78
9 (5) CLAUDIA PASCAL (Mrs C Rivenaes) D Wintle 8-11 ... S Whitworth —
12 (4) 03200-0 FAREWELL SONG 9 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11 ... — 87
15 (14) 0- *FIRE STARLET 226 (Dr T Classen) B Hanbury 8-11* ... M Rimmer —
25 (10) 302003- RED DAME 168 (Sir M Sobell) I Balding 8-11 ... T Ives 91
27 (13) 00400- SCARNING DIGIT 157 (M Forbes) J Scallan 8-11 ... P Barnard (5) —
29 (11) SWEET STRAW (R Watts) D Murray-Smith 8-11 ... R Wernham —
30 (16) 00- TATRA 253 (Lady Clague) Mrs L Piggott 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
31 (2) 30- TENDENCY 223 (Mrs R Chapman) W Jarvis 8-11 ... B Raymond ● 99
32 (3) 4- TIME TO TIME 175 (K Bethel) R Boss 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 85

BETTING: 7-2 Red Dame, 4-1 Carpe Diem, 5-1 Fire Starlet, 6-1 Berliani, Tendency, 8-1 Time To Time, 11-1 Farewell Song, 14-1 others.

1987: LADY MOONLIGHT 8-11 W Swinburn (6-5) P Kelleway 6 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Akehurst	5	21	23.8	Pat Eddery	12	42	28.6
D Morley	6	29	20.7	M Hills	6	26	23.1
G Lewis	9	44	20.5	W R Swinburn	6	33	18.2
K Brassey	4	23	17.4	B Raymond	3	24	12.5
M Ryan	4	28	14.3	S Whitworth	5	41	12.2
R Hannon	4	32	12.5				

Only qualifiers

Sheikh Mohammed linked with likely Gosden move

By Michael Seely

No confirmation could be obtained yesterday concerning the newspaper story on Saturday that Gavin Pritchard-Gordon is to sell his Stanley House Stables to a leading Arab owner and that John Gosden is to move from California to train at Newmarket.

However, reliable sources suggest that Sheikh Mohammed is the intended purchaser and that contracts may be exchanged towards the end of the coming week. Gosden has been one of the leading trainers in California since his move from Britain and has enjoyed particular success with horses imported from this country.

With the important Craven meeting at Newmarket, which starts tomorrow, now in everybody's mind, it is good to hear from Guy Harwood that Warning, the 7-4 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, is in fine shape for his meeting with Sanquirico, Henry Cecil's Royal Lodge Stakes winner, in Thursday's Craven Stakes. And Michael Stoute is also running Abdoun.

Yesterday, Ladbrokes made Al Mufti, Tom Jones's dark horse for the classics, their *favourite at 7-2 for the European Free Handicap on* Wednesday. Other interesting runners will be Luca Cumani's Heroes Sash, Sea Symphony, from Olivier Douieb's stable, and Dick Hern's Charmer who, after being made favourite to beat Warning in Salisbury's Champagne Stakes in July, confirmed that promise with an impressive win in a Newmarket maiden in October.

Ginger Dip takes command

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

THE TIMES Point-to-point Championship

Nine set out but only two came back in *The Times* Championship restricted qualifier at the Tickham on Saturday.

Soon after the start, there were two separate races with Raise Your Glass, Granard, and Quick Turn racing well ahead of the other six.

At the halfway mark, Old Alex joined the leading group and then, four fences out, the whole pattern of the race changed. Old Alex and Quick Turn fell leaving Raise Your Glass and Granard 25 lengths clear of Ginger Dip and little *had altered two fences from* home.

However, between the last two, Mark Davies on Raise Your Glass got the better of Granard, but Ginger Dip, under Nicky Ledger, made rapid headway and by the last fence he was just in front. He stayed on up the Detling uphill straight to win by *two lengths. Nick Wheeler failed* to coax Granard over the last and by this time all the remain*ing runners had pulled up.*

Mark Davis suffered a similar reversal on the favourite, Why Forget, in the open, billed as the Kent Grand National. He led on the second circuit but was caught at the final jump by Joro, a horse much improved, since owned, trained and ridden by Malcolm Footer and Why Forget went down by 2½ lengths.

Results from 10 meetings

BLACKMORE AND SPARKFORD VALE: Hunt: 1, Wimerland (J Farming); 2, Lucky Friday (J Wingfield-Digby); 3, Amula (C Tizzard). Adj: 1, Mister Bosun (Mrs J Liston); 2, Trouble Spirit (A Tizzard); 3, Green Sider (S Burrough). Open: 1, McNabs Quest (K Bush); 2, Kitton Jim (M Miller); 3, Cory Castle (N Legge). Ladies: 1, Old Lang Syne (Miss T Cave); 2, Roodie *Doodle (Miss P Curling); 3, Bineham City* (Mrs J Litston). Mdn: 1, Oak Lodge (R Alner); 2, Grafton (S Burrough); 3, Penmay (M Miller). Rest: 1, Mustard (J Scott); 2, Miss Bootsie (N Dunn); 3, March Amadeus (Miss A Handel).
BLANKNEY: Hunt: 1, Tentside Fellow (M Ranger); 2, Lumberjack (Miss K Dickenson) only 2 fin. Adj: 1, Cawker Dyke *(Mrs J Dawson); 2, Father Colombus (R* Morris); 3, Gamesmanship (B Crawford). Ladies: 1, Roscoe Boy (Mrs J Dawson); 2, Penny Falls (Miss M Crawford); 3, Limavady (Mrs A Farrell). Open: 1, Micks Ritual (R Morris); 2, Nick Barry (C Wardle-Oldham) only 2 fin. PPOA: 1, Ghostbuster (F Harding-Jones); 2, Pendor (C Bealby); 3, Last in Line (S Andrews). Mdn: 1, Jays Grey (L Kirkby); 2, Little Saxham (M Wells); 3, Roundgrey (D Robinson).
CHIDDINGFOLD, LECONFIELD AND COWDRAY: Hunt: 1, Osiris Moon (Miss A Harwood) w.o. Adj: Tarran Triumph (A Gregg); 2, Burns Lad (S P Adrews); 3, Cajosa (J Hazeltine). Rest: 1, Piccolo Mondo (P Webb); 2, Galloway Flare (A Sriggs); 3, Captain Kidd (Mrs A Hawkins). Ladies: 1, Hurry Up Henry (Miss A Harwood); 2, Dust Conqueror (Mrs J Bettles); 3, Middle-Mark (Miss J Whickham). Open: 1, Emperor Charles (T *Underwood); 2, Arctic Express (S P* Andrews); 3, On the Warpath (W Marshall). Mdn: 1, True Prophet (D Evan); 2, Easter Princess (K Mizon); 3, Dear Apollo (C Coyne).
GLAMORGAN: Hunt: 1, Shirley Crepella (Miss S Morgan); 2, Remember Dewy (J Thomas); 3, Finnegan (P O'Sullivan). Rest: 1, Pining (Mrs P Smith-Maxwell); 2, *Mistress Rock (J Price); 2, Panto Girl (P* Hamer). Ladies: 1, David Charles (Miss B Llewellyn); 2, Rocks of Bawn (Miss P Jones); 3, Ardcarn (Miss J Williams).
Open: 1, *Norman Case (P Mathias)*; 2, Lost Albert (T Jones); 3, Kitrances Lad (J Chinn); Adj: 1, Katesville (T Jones), 2, One For Mammy (J Llewellyn); 3, Luchgello (P Thomas). Mdn I: 1, Humberstone Bay (Miss R Lougher); 2, Sungora (J Llewellyn); 3, Celtic Remorse (T Jones). Mdn II: 1, Legal Wizard (T Rooney); 2, Clover Express (D S Jones); 3, Silent Gold (J Tudor).
MIDDLETON: Adj: 1, Mickey Cinders (C Wilson); 2, Urser (Miss S Easterby); 3, Swaffham (J Vickery). Rest: 1, Sister Sam (N Tutty); 2, Lady Law (D Kinsella); 3, Don't Despair (S Swiers). Ladies: Wold Song (Mrs T Corrigan-Clarke); 2, Skewsby (Mrs K Dickon); 3, Rusty Rifle (Miss S Taylor). Open: 1, Ingleby Star (N Tutty); 2, Tacroy *(T Carr); 3, Lochar Brig (E Waggott).* Adj Rest: 1, Transaction (R Wilson), 2, Demi Cheval (D Kinsella); 3, Ennorpe (Mrs J Brown). Hunt: 1, Karakter Reference (Miss S Easterby); 2, Arctic Menelek (C Cundall); 3, Lady False (D Kinsella).
PUCKERIDGE AND THURLOW: Hunt: 1, Snedid (Miss L Rowe); 2, Corragary (P Tiano); 3, Netherdean (R Gardiner). Adj: 1, Needwood Nomad (N Bloom); 2, Mussel Bed (Mrs J wilkinson); 3, Master Carl (S Cowell). Ladies: 1, General Wrekin (Miss S Sheppard); 2, The Nub (Miss A Parker); 3, Kula (Mrs L Gibbon). Open, 1, Stanwick Lad (J Sharp); 2, Rubies Choice (M Sheppard); 3, Golden Rambler (S Bullard). Rest: 1, Sing River (O Vaughan-Jones); 2, Rollaway (W Wales); 3 Ortica (J Fanshawe). Mdn I: Border Kelly (A Case); 2, Quick Advice (T Moore); 3, Baltazzi (S Cowell). Mdn II: 1, Master Blacksmith (T Moore); 2, Little Anthem (O Vaughan-Jones); 3, Elephant Man (S Steam).
ROYAL ARTILLERY: Hunt: 1, Coolcotts (D Warren); 2, Alfred Tower (Lt S Barr); 3, Pamrullah (D Line). Mdn: 1, Flaming Blaze (C Farrall); 2, Mr Sponge (Maj C Moore), 3, New Columbine (A P Jones). Adj: Redenham (G Maundrell); 2, Mermaids Daughter (R Nuttall); 3, Golden Roots (C Farrell). Ladies: 1, Nearly Handy (Miss M Hill); 2, Hi Darlin (Miss S Clarke) 3; Diana's Delight (Mrs E Ilsley). Open: 1, Nvigational Aid (M Felton); 2, Hot Fever (T Holland-Martin); 3, Fleeting Passion (P Webber). Rest: 1, Nancy Grey (J Harley); 2, Politburo (R Normington); 3, Netherdrom (Mrs E Ilsley). RHA: 1, Thomas (Bdr Jones); 2, Westgate (L/Bdr Armour) 3, Tythe (Sgt Renth).
SPOONERS AND WEST DARTMOOR: Hunt: 1, Baracen (Mrs S Carmichael) fin alone. Rest: 1, Spires Lake (P Scholfield); 2, The Dub (R Green), 3, Roscoe Spate (P Hosegood). Ladies: 1, Louvers (Mrs R Henderson); 2, Ballyneety (Miss P Fisher); 3, Solar Krio (Miss M Turner). Adj: 1, Destiny Bay (R Green); 2, Sammy Lux (P Scholfield); 3, Squire Trelawney (Mrs J Mills). Open, 1, Cal Mal (P Scholfield); 2, Dickey Blob (S Long); 3, Black Beetle (D Stephens). Mdn I: 1, Sugar Hall (P HOsegood); 2, Bergen Bay (A Geenng); 3, Glensheban (I Downick). Mdn II: 1, Rouchanit (I Downick); 2, Rememo (R Green), 3, Strumpetus (K Heard).
TICKHAM: Hunt: 1, Dynetto (P Bull); 2, Krakus (Mrs T Palmer); 3, Beggars Bush (T Hills). Adj: 1, Compton Boy (Miss S Clements); 2, Applys (T Head); 3, D'Arcy Spice (Mrs L Jewell). Ladies: 1, Fifty Bucks (Miss S Dench) 2, El Padre (Mrs A *Baker); 3, Just a Ghost (Miss S French).* Open 1: Joro (M Footer); 2, Why Forget (M Davies); 3, Motor Bike Man (D Robinson). Times Restricted: 1, Ginger Dip (Mrs N Ledger); 2, Raise Your Glass (M Davies). Mdn I: 1, Polocal Judge (D Robinson); 2, Dear Jodi (C Willett); 3, Tears of Gold (Mrs Y Hicks). Mdn II: 1, Sakr (A Hickman); 2, Santamer Lass (Miss S French); 3, Zimper (R Wilkinson).
WHEATLAND: Hunt: 1, Tyere (G Cartwright); 2, Montgomery (R Fisk) only 2 fin. Adj: 1, Jake Barnes (R Mathias); 2, Another Orbit (A Ulyet); *3, Stockton Slave* (M Edwards). Open: 1, Adnan John (D Robinson); 2, Duke of Saraguay (J Grossick); 3, Benlair (G Godsall). Ladies: 1, Lonesome Park (Miss L Wallace); 2, Bhaibundi Chewunga (Miss J Fellows); 3, Brown Peril (Miss A Lewis). Rest: 1, Relativity (T Stephenson); 2, Butterfly Boy (Miss J Fellows); 3, Corredale Corlton (G Goodsall). Mdn: 1, Lunar Monarch (G Godsall); 2, Brotherly (J Taylor) only 2 fin.
NORTH STAFFS — abandoned snow.

HEXHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Mr Perfect. 2.30 The Rannoch. 3.0 Cool Brew. 3.30 Balmbicello. 4.0 Madison Girl. 4.30 Clever Folly.

Going: soft (with heavy patches)

2.0 AYDON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,088: *2m 4f*) (10 runners)

4 4412 MR PERFECT 14 (CD,F,S) B Wilkinson 9-11-10 ... M Hammond
5 1F00 BRUFF ACADEMY 198 (F) R Paisley 7-11-5 ... *Mr K Anderson (4)*
6 34P0 BOTHAM 31 K Oliver 8-11-2 ... T Reed
9 0P24 BINGSTAR 7 J Aynsley 10-10-12 ... P Niven
10 UP04 THE CIDER AND BUN 9 (F) W Storey 8-10-10 ... Fiona Storey
11 0040 OAKGROVE 5 P Monteith 8-10-10 ... D Nolan
12 3P32 IMPERTAIN 6 T Cunningham 8-10-9 ... S Cunningham (7)
17 PPF2 MARK'S CHOICE 7 V Thompson 7-10-2 ... Mr M Thompson (4)
20 000P WARLEGGAN 14 J Charlton 7-10-0 ... B Storey
24 0P0P PRISTINE 13 N Chamberlain 7-10-0 ... A Orkney

BETTING: 5-2 Mr Perfect, 3-1 Impertain, 9-2 Oakgrove, 5-1 Bingstar, 8-1 Bruff Academy, 12-1 Botham, 14-1 others.

2.30 DEVILSWATER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,011: 2m 4f) (21)

1 B001 BENGAIRN 14 (C,S) G Richards 5-11-10 ... G Bradley
2 31 THE RANNOCH 16 (C,S) A Fowler 5-11-10 ... G Lyons (7)
4 2421 DREAMBREAKER 6 (G) D Eddy 5-11-5 ... D Dutton
7 0-00 BAY CHASER 38 G Richards 5-11-2 ... Mr P Doyle (7)
8 U00 BAY MINSTREL 34 W A Stephenson 5-11-2 ... Mr A Costello (7)
9 000 BEL ARCTIC 13 (V) J Parkes 5-11-2 ... —
10 C4 BOLD SPARTAN 19 K Oliver 5-11-2 ... T Reed
11 03- BRIEF HIGHWAY 357 Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-2 ... D Telfer (7)
15 0 CORPORAL CHRISTY 45 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-2 ... M Dwyer
20 0042 IRISH RED 14 W A Stephenson 6-11-2 ... C Grant
23 03 MANHATTAN CHASE 9 G Richards 5-11-2 ... J Hansen
25 /PP- MURPHYS DREAM 381 W A Stephenson 8-11-2 ... A Merrigan (4)
28 00 ROY'S DREAM 14 S Leadbetter 5-11-2 ... C Hawkins
29 3U SHAKE THE KING 7 C Parker 5-11-2 ... K Doolan
38 00 JUSTAKIN 104 Mrs A Speke 5-10-11 ... P Niven
40 MEAN DANCER R O'Leary 5-10-11 ... J J Quinn
42 F000 ROSE TABLEAU 9 P Daly 5-10-11 ... A Somers (7)
44 3200 SINGING HILLS 9 R Fisher 7-10-11 ... M Meagher
45 00 TERI ODIN 16 K Oliver 5-10-11 ... K Jones
47 P00P HIGHSTED 25 M Chapman 4-10-9 ... S J O'Neill
50 20-0 MR FENWICK 16 F Storey 4-10-9 ... B Storey

BETTING: 7-2 Dreambreaker, 4-1 The Rannoch, 5-1 Irish Red, Bengairn, 7-1 Shake The King, 10-1 Singing Hills.

3.0 TYNEDALE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 3m) (14)

1 P-PP SUCCEEDED 9 (CD,S) W A Stephenson 11-12-1 ... Mr A Costello (7)
3 P322 COOL BREW 9 (D,S) R Paisley 10-11-4 ... Mr K Anderson (4)
4 -141 CANDY CONE 33 (F,G) R Brewis 8-11-3 ... M Dwyer
9 0022 THE HOWLET 52 (C,F,G,S) K Oliver 9-10-7 ... T Reed
11 2P6P *CLONROCHE STREAM 9 (D,G,S) V Thompson 9-10-5* ... Mr M Thompson (4)
12 P4PP ROYAL BOWLER 16 (G) J Charlton 9-10-5 ... B Storey
13 0/PP KAMAL SIDDIQI 19 (G,S) P Charlton 9-10-4 ... J J Quinn
14 0203 ANOTHER FLAME 16 (C,D,F,G,S) W Storey 11-10-0 ... Fiona Storey
15 003U PURPLE BEAM 9 (F,G) T Barnes 9-10-0 ... G Martin
18 0F33 DAVID'S TREASURE 7 (BF,S) R Fisher 8-10-0 ... J D Doyle
19 320- RABINSKI 359 (D,S) J Hellens 13-10-0 ... —
20 2003 SEALED OFFER 13 P Beaumont 10-10-0 ... P A Farrell (4)
21 30PP TELEGRAPH BUSH 31 (D,F,S) G Renilson 11-10-0 ... C Grant
23 2-00 LARRY HILL 198 (F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 13-10-0 ... Mr P Doyle (7)

Long handicap: Purple Beam 9-13, David's Treasure 9-11, Rabinski 9-11, Sealed Offer 9-11, Telegraph Bush 9-10, Larry Hill 8-13.

BETTING: 3-1 Cool Brew, 4-1 David's Treasure, 5-1 Candy Cone, 6-1 The Howlet, 10-1 Another Flame, 12-1 others.

3.30 BEAUFRONT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£685: 3m) (18)

3 002- PARK PRINCE 481 W A Stephenson 7-11-11 ... C Grant
4 0130 PRICELESS PERIL 16 (S) Miss M Bell 5-11-8 ... B Storey
6 21F3 ALMONDBURY 14 (BF,F) M W Easterby 7-11-7 ... Mr T Thomson Jones
9 0020 BALMBICELLO 6 (D,S) R Bainbridge 6-11-0 ... S Turner
11 -830 TODDLIN HAME 6 C Parker 6-10-12 ... K Doolan
13 -0P2 HAZY GLEN 7 (G,S) T Barnes 10-10-10 ... G Martin
14 0U12 LA MARGARITE 13 (S) D Wintle 8-10-9 ... S Keightley
16 00-2 STANWOOD BOY 7 (BF) Mrs C Postlethwaite 5-10-7 ... M Dwyer
19 040P HOME TO ROOST 9 T Donnelly 8-10-2 ... —
20 0042 INTO THE MYSTIC 7 B McLean 6-10-2 ... M Hammond
23 F000 SUMMER MEADOWS 37 W A Stephenson 5-10-0 ... K Jones
26 0-00 RUFF RIDER 135 Mrs S Austin 6-10-0 ... D Wilkinson
27 0FF- TEN A PENNY 391 W McGhie 8-10-0 ... G Lyons (7)
28 1004 WILSARUTH 7 (D,S) E Owen 6-10-0 ... D J Burchell
29 0000 COOL REBEL 7 Miss M Bell 4-10-0 ... R Marley (4)
30 -PPU CZAROSA 7 P Liddle 6-10-0 ... M Pepper
31 03P0 T W S HOMES 7 B Richmond 7-10-0 ... C Richmond
32 040/ SAL'S DELIGHT 2558 P Beaumont 12-10-0 ... P A Farrell (4)

Long handicap: Summer Meadows 9-13, Ruff Rider 9-11, Ten A Penny 9-10, Wilsaruth 9-9, Cool Rebel 9-9, Czarosa 9-9, T W S Homes 9-8, Sal's Delight 9-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Stanwood Boy, 4-1 Almondbury, 9-2 Wilsaruth, 6-1 La Margarite, 7-1 Balmbicello, 10-1 others.

4.0 BATTLE HILL NOVICES CHASE (£1,088: 2m) (9)

3 P0-0 BALLY PALLADY 6 J Johnson 7-11-2 ... G Martin
7 0P3P FINALE SEPT 7 (F,G,S) V Thompson 8-11-2 ... Mr M Thompson (4)
8 3030 IRISH GUEST 9 P Monteith 7-11-2 ... D Nolan
10 -PP4 JOSEPH'S COAT 7 (F,G) M Chapman 7-11-2 ... S J O'Neill
12 0-0 PERSIAN THORNS 84 D Swindlehurst 7-11-2 ... Mr D Swindlehurst
14 P/ SHOOT THE RAPIDS 944 (F) W Sample 8-11-2 ... Mr C Sample
16 4F00 BELON BRIG 8 K Oliver 7-10-11 ... T Reed
22 000P KATIE RHODES 5 W Storey 5-10-4 ... Fiona Storey
23 0P04 MADISON GIRL 6 (F) M W Easterby 5-10-4 ... C Grant

BETTING: 8-4 Madison Girl, 3-1 Belon Brig, 7-2 Joseph's Coat, 7-1 Irish Guest, 10-1 Finale Sept, 14-1 others.

4.30 OAKWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,088: 2m 4f) (12)

1 P01F TRICKSHOT 7F (C,D,BF,S) C Tinkler 9-12-1 ... J Hayes (7)
3 30P3 HARBOUR BAZAAR 7 (B,D,G,S) T Caldwell 8-11-8 ... Peter Caldwell (7)
5 0U04 CONTACT KELVIN 6 (C,S) N Bycroft 6-11-3 ... P Niven
6 0030 FIEFDOM 51 (F,G) W Storey 8-11-1 ... Fiona Storey
8 P002 CLEVER FOLLY 16 (S) G Richards 8-10-10 ... J Hansen
10 2003 *PLEDGDON GREEN 7 (S) V Thompson 8-10-10* ... Mr M Thompson (4)
13 4032 DON'T BE LATE 9 (S) R Peacock 6-10-4 ... M Dwyer
16 -030 QUALITY PRINCE 6 (C,S) M Avison 7-10-0 ... R Marley (4)
18 0020 MAJOR ROUGE 16 (B,F) J Charlton 6-10-0 ... B Storey
20 F021 PAUPER MOON 9 (S) W Reed 8-10-0 (5ex) ... T Reed
21 0000 SYRINX 6 (D,S) S Payne 6-10-0 ... C Grant
23 000/ THELMAS SECRET 837 (G,S) T Barnes 11-10-0 ... G Martin

Long handicap: Major Rouge 9-11, Pauper Moon 9-11 (inc 5ex), Syrinx 9-9, Thelmas Secret 9-6.

BETTING: 7-2 Clever Folly, 4-1 Don't Be Late, 6-1 Pauper Moon, Trickshot, 8-1 Quality Prince, *10-1 Pledgdon Green.*

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 6 winners from 18 runners, 33.3%; J Oliver, 5 from 22, 22.7%; G Richards, 13 from 66, 19.7%; P Monteith, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R Fisher, 4 from 26, 15.4%; *W A Stephenson, 19 from 128, 14.8%.*

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; M Hammond, 6 from 25, 24.0%; S Turner, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J *Hansen, 6 from 30, 20.0%; M Dwyer, 4 from 21, 19.0%;* K Doolan, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

Saturday's results

Liverpool

2.0 1, Prideaux Boy (25-1); 2, Paddyboro (18-1); 3, Bobsline (12-1). Pearlyman *5-2 fav. 13 ran.*

2.35 1, Celtic Chief (4-5 fav); 2, Sabin Du Loir (7-1); 3, Cloughtaney (9-2). 9 ran.

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL

See facing page

4.10 1, Newlife Connection (2-1 fav); 2, Yabis (9-2); 3, Joint Sovereignty (5-2). 7 *ran.*

4.40 1, Fuego Boy (5-1 jt-fav); 2, Quick Dancer (25-1); 3, None Too Dear (20-1); 4, Sherman Gutrey (20-1). Rockmartin 5-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Well Covered.

5.10 1, Sir Blake (2-1 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Blazing Walker (20-1); 3, Decided (7-2). 13 ran. NR: Green Willow.

Lingfield Park

1.45 1, *Carry On Cary (5-2 fav)*; 2, Done Better (6-1); 3, Forte (5-1). 10 ran.

2.15 1, Valiant Saint (4-1); 2, Will Be Bold (11-4 fav); 3, Kirah (9-1). 12 ran.

2.45 1, Sparky Lad (10-1); 2, Formatune (8-1); 3, Parklands Belle (20-1); 4, Full Heared (10-1). Janie-O 7-2 fav. 20 ran.

3.45 1, Daily Sport Soon (7-1); 2, Pleasure Dancer (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Albustan (5-1 jt-fav). Step To Stardom 5-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: Between The Sheets.

4.20 1, Patrocus (5-1); 2, *Lesbet (4-1 fav)*; 3, Jamaica George (12-1). 14 ran.

4.50 1, Sheijan (3-1); 2, Blue Rhythm (10-1); 3, Nobly Great (14-1). Majority Holding 15-8 fav. 12 ran.

5.20 1, Fremont Boy (A McGlone, 8-1 jt-fav); 2, Keen Edge (12-1); 3, Tapestry Prints (14-1); 4, Recollect (9-1). Easy Line, Indian Set, Corn Street 8-1 jt-favs. 18 ran. NR: L'Ecu.

Hereford

2.0 1, Le Carotte (2-5 fav); 2, Del Mar (16-1); 3, Crook N Honest (12-1). 17 ran.

2.30 1, Spring Wigeon (9-4 fav); 2, Rupert's Daughter (10-1); 3, Silken Song (15-2). 19 ran. NR: Sir Speedy, Tene Tomo, Royal Crusader.

3.0 1, Lockwood Prince (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Docklands Express (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Competitive Bid (9-1). 16 ran. NR: Mawdlyn Gate.

4.0 1, Tanesaint (7-4 fav); 2, Barrysville (12-1); 3, Edged Gold (50-1). 11 ran. NR: Fitzherbert.

4.30 1, Aughavogue (8-13 fav); 2, *Dreamcoat (20-1); 3, Scots Lad (50-1). 16 ran.*

5.0 1, Petite Mirage (6-1); 2, Rimfire (4-1); 3, Misty Park (3-1 fav). 12 ran.

5.30 1, Auction Law (9-1); 2, Alaoui (6-4 fav); 3, Hawkes Bay (5-1). 18 ran. NR: Kee Kee's Dream, Thorpe Cloud.

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
M Pipe	84	57	39	1	-40.06
J Gifford	73	53	45	3	+63.12
W Stephenson	67	50	60	0	-99.66
G Richards	57	37	44	1	-85.44
D Elsworth	47	33	24	0	+9.68
J Edwards	46	32	27	0	-34.88
G Moore	43	20	18	1	+31.90
Mrs J Pitman	42	37	19	1	-5.69
J Fitzgerald	39	36	21	2	-58.02
D Nicholson	39	25	31	5	-51.18

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
P Scudamore	91	69	47	9	-72.53
M Hammond	61	29	25	0	+147.85
P Tuck	59	35	39	4	-97.58
R Dunwoody	55	42	67	2	-120.01
C Grant	54	53	51	6	-125.13
M Dwyer	51	55	34	8	-40.47
S Sherwood	51	48	35	6	-55.03
R Rowe	50	37	28	6	+12.06
G McCourt	45	42	30	9	-2.22
P Croucher	43	30	20	8	+71.60

● Nerio (Freddy Head), running *for the 10th time this year,* won the £30,655 Prix Noailles (11f), at Longchamp yesterday.

FOOTBALL: THE WINGER WHO HAS LEARNED HOW TO DEFEND EMERGES WITH TOP MARKS FROM THE COUNTRY'S TOP FINISHING SCHOOL

Barnes casts golden beams across the cup-tie that cheered

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Liverpool 2
Nottingham Forest 1

John Barnes has completed his education at the most successful finishing school in the country, Anfield. His attacking promise shone brightly before he graduated from Watford but within the last year he has assumed a vital secondary role. He has become a winger who can defend.

His club has already benefited from the lesson. Had he not learned it, Liverpool would not be in the FA Cup Final. As well as creating both of their goals at Hillsborough, Barnes was responsible for restricting the individual who threatened to take Nottingham Forest to Wembley instead.

His country will also profit from his additional quality. Apart from being a fearsome weapon in England's challenge for the European title in June, he can offer stronger protection on the left flank. In the light of Sansom's recent and sudden loss of form, the area has become potentially worryingly vulnerable.

Liverpool themselves had been searching for someone to carry out the specific job. "The left-hand side of midfield has been notoriously difficult for us to fill." Alan Hansen, the captain, said on Saturday. "Being a natural winger, you would have thought that it would have been even worse for John Barnes.

"But he has limitless stamina, pace, strength and a brain. I was amazed that we were the only ones to go for him, especially at £900,000. If you had looked at the lesser clubs for an outstanding player, you would have picked him out. He always gave us trouble."

Barnes has the ability to alter the destiny of any game within an instant. Who can forget his run in Rio de Janeiro, for example, four years ago? Such flashes of brilliance were irritatingly infrequent, especially for England, but he has cast a hundred golden beams across this season.

He cast another two across Hillsborough to illuminate a semi-final that was recognized as one of the finest in living memory. Forest's contribution was immense, not least because they stepped out of the character they had shown during the dress rehearsal in their own home seven days earlier.

Defensive then, they took the initiative here and might have held it had Barnes not intervened. His most consistent contribution was to assist Ablett, whose vain attempt to control the dangerous Crosby

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opened with an official caution. The names of Aldridge, for the some offence, and Gillespie were also taken later.

Thus, in one afternoon, as many of Liverpool's representatives were booked as in the previous six months. Nor was that the only uncharacteristic feature of their victory. Without dominating possession as has been their custom since August, they waited patiently and struck through a series of counter-punches.

The first was a typically clean and powerful blow from which Forest never fully recovered. McMahon, at the start of one of his less productive performances, released Barnes after a dozen minutes. His flight into Forest's area was brought to a crash landing by Chettle, another inadequate full back.

Aldridge converted his eleventh penalty of the season and shortly after the change of ends he added his 24th goal of the season. The build-up would have graced any occasion and it was appropriate that Barnes and Beardsley, exchanging smoothly out on a touchline, should have fashioned it between them.

Since they arrived, this pair of English internationals have raised Liverpool above the efficient and comparatively colourless sides that have been built at Anfield. "In all my time here," Hansen was to add later, "we've had no one with that something extra special except the boss [Kenny Dalglish]. Now we've got two of them."

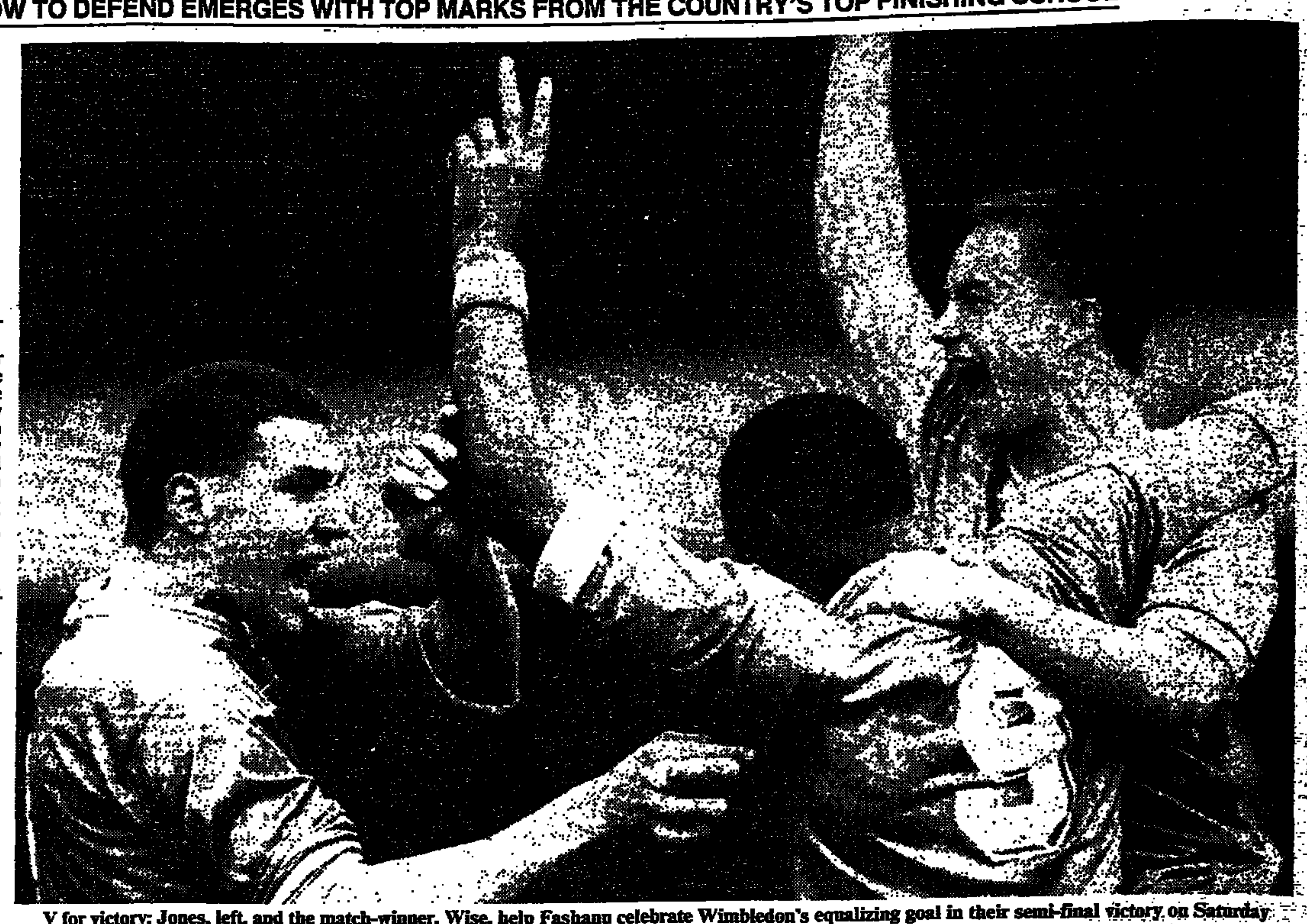
Brian Clough, who reacted magnanimously in front of the television cameras but was otherwise as silent as usual, admitted: "The best team won." Had his own son scored immediately after the interval rather than 20 minutes later amid an untidy scramble, the margin might have been even narrower.

Nigel Clough's miss, with a close-range header, was his lone mistake. His instant touch, his extensive vision and his instinctive awareness lifted him far above his less-gifted colleagues and confirmed that he deserves to be promoted to the senior England squad, though not before the finals of the European championship.

Webb is a regular member of the national party but his influence in midfield was significantly negligible. If he fails to respond on such a stage, how can he be considered by Bobby Robson to be a more reliable alternative than McMahon, let alone the more talented Hoddle?

Pearce, the international understudy for Sansom, was again disturbingly impetuous and clumsy (one of his assaults on Houghton was especially worthy of more than a mild warning). He and Webb may have been a cause for English concern but the display of Barnes on the threshold of Wembley provided ample compensation.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie, G Ablett, S Nicol, N Spackman, A Hansen, P Beardsley, J Aldridge, R Houghton, J Barnes, S McMahon.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; S Chettle, S Pearce, D Walker, C Foster, T Wilson, G Crosby, N Webb, N Clough, P Wilkinson, B Rice.
Referee: G Courtney.



V for victory: Jones, left, and the match-winner, Wise, help Fashanu celebrate Wimbledon's equalizing goal in their semi-final victory on Saturday

The beast which thrives on self-belief

By Clive White

Wimbledon 2
Luton Town 1

One wonders whether Dave Bassett, like Doctor Frankenstein, fully realized what he had created when he helped give League life to Wimbledon 11 years ago. The monster has long since broken its chains, needing neither Bassett nor Bobby Gould, and it will require a performance of breathtaking beauty by Liverpool to repel the beast at Wembley on May 14.

Wimbledon were awesome at White Hart Lane on Saturday. Whatever advantages the multi-talented Liverpool may hold over them, confidence is not one of them. Their self-belief is frightening. The point at which normal humans crack up, Wimbledon become stronger and as dangerous as a wounded animal.

They missed four outstanding chances in the first half and then found themselves trailing, yet all the while a Wimbledon victory never really seemed in doubt. They have harnessed the power of the underdog as never before, and retain it despite all their success.

They thrive on criticism, even when it comes from an elder statesman such as Johnny Giles. Gould has had the sense to recognize his good fortune and is clinging onto it for all he is worth. He says that he will not change a thing, including their much maligned style of play.

"We're going to keep on stuffing it down their throats because we know they don't like it. Liverpool are the best learners in the country. They'll be practising headers two weeks before they play us," Gould said.

The purist in him, though, is tempted to refine the beast. He talks of the team not having to be so direct at times and one wonders whether he fully understands what he has at his control when he says that he dreams of fielding a Brooking in his midfield. Such changes and inclusions would be made at his peril and Gould, I think, has the modesty to recognize that.

The players are convinced that their method is right for them. That is all that matters. If only Luton had had a similar belief in their own game, we might have had a match. It is a pity nobody reminded them of the upper hand they once held over this style in local derbies with Watford. Their back four, which has been hammered on and off the pitch recently, never functioned confidently as a unit despite heroic efforts by Donaghy and Dibble, the goalkeeper, who stood in for Sealey.

Foster, who does not seem to have recovered mentally if physically from his broken cheek-bone, never commanded his defence with the authority one would expect from a player-coach. Their hesitant offside trap was repeatedly sprung by Wimbledon, and in the opening half-hour, Dibble had to make desperate saves following breakaways by Fashanu, Gibson and Wise. And on another occasion only Donaghy's strength in recovery denied Fashanu after a careless back-pass by Foster.

Luton, by contrast, continually found themselves ensnared by Wimbledon's boldly operated defensive trap. And when Sanchez once generously, if inadvertently, put Wilson through he found Beasant too daunting an obstacle. Luton were allowed one more sight of Beasant's goal, two minutes after half-time, when the plucky Mark Stein nudged Breacker's cross onto Harford and Luton's combative forward showed what he could do if given the chance.

Ray Harford, the Luton manager, thought that he could see a hairline fracture in Wimbledon's composure but within seven minutes it was sealed. Dibble bowled over Gibson for a penalty which the Luton manager said that Keith Hackett, the referee, told him he had given for a foul by an outfield player. Presumably Harford was prepared to believe anything after the two penalties Hackett mysteriously awarded against Luton in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final at Oxford.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of that incident there could be no doubt that Fashanu brought about justice by scoring from the penalty spot. From then on Luton were like condemned men waiting for their execution, and with 11 minutes remaining, Cork's wicked cross to the near post invited Wise to put them out of their misery.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; J Scales, T Phelan, V Jones, E Young, A Thorn, A Cork, T Gibson (sub: L Cunningham), J Fashanu, L Sanchez, D Wise.
LUTON TOWN: A Dibble; T Breacker, A Grimes (sub: K Black), D McDonough, S Foster, M Donaghy, D Wilson, B Stein, M Harford, M Stein, R Johnson.
Referee: K Hackett.

Playing beachball amid the palms

By David Powell

Coventry City 0
Charlton Athletic 0

A quiet end to the season is something of a rarity for Coventry and they seemed determined to enjoy it on Saturday. The perennial relegation strugglers turned FA Cup winners strolled the Highfield Road sands as if already on their summer holidays while Charlton looked as though they were still thumbing through the brochures, not knowing where they wanted to be for their football next season.

John Sillett, Coventry's manager, thought his team gave their poorest home performance since their pre-Wembley days. Charlton were unable to take advantage, mainly because there was scant support for the enterprising Stuart in midfield and their forwards, Crooks and Leaburn, offered neither imagination nor nuisance value.

Two of Charlton's nearest misses came from Houchen, who was spared an own goal first by Ogrizovic and then by the bar. Only Stuart among the visitors' ranks tested the Coventry goalkeeper, who tipped over his drive. But Charlton, who have kept five clean sheets in seven games, may yet fill Coventry's boots as the first division's great survivors.

"It would be a tragedy if they went down," Sillett said, recognizing that this may not have been Charlton at their best but that they are usually more entertaining than the other candidates for relegation. "If only we had a pitch to play on, they would have played. I've got a great photograph of it with two palm trees and a deckchair." Plans are in hand for grass next season.

"We need two more wins to get out of the play-off spot," Lennie Lawrence, the Charlton manager, said. Their last game, at Chelsea, could be a play-off for the play-offs. Last season, with victories in their final two matches, Charlton saved themselves. "We are a better team now," Lawrence ventured.

The referee appointed to the game, Neil Midgley, was in charge last May when Coventry won the Cup. Midgley, too, had an off day. After pulling a muscle, he went off, to be replaced by a linesman.

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, N Pickering, S Sedgley, B Kilcline, T Peake, K Houchen (sub: G Bannister), D Phillips, C Regis, D Speedie, D Smith.
CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder; J Humphrey, M Reid, S MacKenzie, P Shirtliff, P Miller, M Stuart, C Leaburn, S Gritt, R Lee, G Crooks.
Referee: N Midgley (sub: A Smith).

Hazard puts Derby in peril

By Dennis Signy

Chelsea 1
Derby County 0

Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, declined to discuss Robert Maxwell's reported attempt to lure Johan Cruyff to the Baseball Ground after this match at Stamford Bridge, a real survival struggle if ever there was one.

Perhaps, more wisely, he also declined to comment on his team's disappointing performance. With only four games to play, the prospect of Peter Shilton, England's No. 1 goalkeeper, tuning-up for the European championship finals in West Germany in the play-off games looms large.

By contrast, Bobby Campbell, of Chelsea, who may have the "caretaker" tag removed from his managerial appointment ere long, was happy to talk about the end of a run of 21 League games without a win and the spectacular goal from Hazard in first half injury time that produced sighs of relief.

Hazard, whose first goal of the season the previous week had earned a draw against Arsenal, swung his left foot at a free kick from Dorigo and sent a half-volley swerving wide of Shilton. "As good a goal as you will see," Campbell said.

Dorigo pulled out

Tony Dorigo, the England under-21 captain, has been withdrawn from Dave Sexton's already depleted squad for the European championship semi-final first leg in France on Wednesday because of an ankle injury.

Victory would have been more comprehensive if the referee had not harshly ruled out an effort from Bumstead.

Chelsea, who have still to meet the FA Cup finalists, Liverpool and Wimbledon, and two of their London rivals in distress, West Ham United and Charlton Athletic, showed enough commitment to be optimistic that Campbell's motivation can provide a happy ending to a troubled season. Hazard, who advised all and sundry to back Rhyme 'N' Reason for the Grand National but did not put his own money on, had a further tip when he held court in the manager's office. "We are too good to go down," he said.

An inquisitive reporter asked Hazard the difference at Chelsea since Campbell took over. "Press conferences," a wag interjected. "I make the funnies," Hazard replied. Not long ago there was not very much to laugh about at Stamford Bridge.

CHELSEA: K Hitchcock; S Clarke, T Dorigo, S Wicks, J McLaughlin, D Wood, P Nevin, M Hazard, G Durie, C West, J Bumstead.
DERBY COUNTY: P Shilton; P Blades (sub: R McLaren), M Forsyth, G Williams, M Wright, R Hindmarch, G Micklewhite, F Stapleton, P Gee (sub: S Cross), J Gregory, N Callaghan.
Referee: G Tyson.

A happy ending is still in prospect

Barrow have at least one more chapter to write in their remarkable FA Trophy story this season after their 1-0 victory away to Enfield in the second leg of their semi-final on Saturday (Paul Newman writes). With the scores 2-2 on aggregate, the two sides will have to replay at Kidderminster on Wednesday.

Barrow, who reached the semi-finals despite five successive away draws, capitalized on hesitation in the Enfield defence to score through Wheatley inside the first minute. Enfield, watched by a crowd of 2,448, attacked for most of the game but could not breach Barrow's defence.

In the other semi-final *Telford United* won 1-0 away to *Wokingham Town* to go through to the Wembley final 3-0 on aggregate. Stringer hit the decisive goal three minutes from the end.

Playing ball with a deflated Ball

By Ian Ross

Everton 2
Portsmouth 1

That Everton could decide Portsmouth's fate this season is an irony that will not have been lost on Alan Ball, who built his international reputation as a cultured midfield player at Goodison Park.

Despite seeing the soon-to-be-deposed Football League champions place another sizable question-mark against his side's future, the Portsmouth manager shelved his disappointment to deliver a message which leant so heavily on his inbred optimism as to have a hollow ring about it.

Aware that three of Everton's remaining fixtures are against sides in a similar position to that of his own at the wrong end of the first division, Ball good-naturedly hinted that any assistance from his old club would be warmly received at Fratton Park.

"Some of the other clubs in trouble — Oxford United, Derby County and Charlton Athletic — still have to play Everton and I don't hope they will do us a favour, I know that they will," he said. "We have five games left and I believe that if we can win three of those, and pick up one point from the other two, we will stay up."

It was a measure of Everton's injury problems that Steven, the England midfield player, had to play alongside the equally diminutive Heath in a makeshift forward line; but against a defence which has height, if not grace, it was their speed of thought which was to prove the decisive factor.

Despite dominating throughout, Everton fell behind after 26 minutes when Dillon turned home a cross by Horne from the left after Van den Hauwe, the Welsh international defender, had allowed the ball to squirm beneath his outstretched boot.

Heath restored some sanity 12 minutes before the interval with a neat finish after Blake, who was later to be substituted, had failed to make contact with an innocuous-looking through-ball.

Everton clinched a deserved, if unspectacular, win after 54 minutes when Steven's almost lazy drive from just outside the penalty area found its way home.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, N Pointon, P Van den Hauwe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, I Snodin, A Heath, A Harper, K Sheedy.
PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; K Swain, L Sandford, K Dillon, N Blake (sub: B Gilbert), K Ball, B Horne, C Whitehead, M Quinn, T Connor (sub: P Mariner), V Hilaire.
Referee: M Peck.

Composed Villa end a poor run

By Paul Newman

Crystal Palace 1
Aston Villa 1

Graham Taylor, the manager of Aston Villa, regarded this as two points lost rather than one gained. Yet in the context of Villa's faltering campaign for promotion to the first division, he may yet look back on the result at Selhurst Park on Saturday as a turning point in the season.

Although Villa may have let slip one of the guaranteed promotion places which only two months ago they seemed certain to fill, this result should help give them at least a place in the play-offs. Before Saturday, Crystal Palace were the only team with any realistic chance of edging Villa out of the top five. Now, even with a game in hand, Palace's task of making up five points on Villa looks a tall order.

Even more pleasing for Villa than the result itself was the manner in which it was achieved. Although Taylor's assessment that Villa were "by far the better team" would have had few supporters in the Palace camp, their performance was not one of a side racked by promotion nerves after losing four of its previous five matches.

Facing the Barclays League's most prolific attack, Villa defended superbly. Keown and Evans were as solid as a rock in the middle and Gage and Gallacher patrolled the flanks so effectively that Palace hardly made one telling cross.

It was a classic counter-attacking performance by Villa, typified by their goal after 27 minutes. After a Palace attack had broken down, Platt ruthlessly punished a moment's hesitation between Pennyfather and Nebbeling, raced forward from the halfway line and shot firmly past Suckling.

Platt, who gave the experienced Cannon a rare run-around, set up several more chances, but once again Villa's failure to kill off opponents by building on a lead proved costly.

Palace, who huffed and puffed all afternoon, finally brought down the 16,476 house — their best home attendance of the season — after 83 minutes, when Wright converted a penalty after being brought down by Andy Gray. They just about deserved a share of the spoils, but at this stage of the season a fifth draw in their last six matches was not the result they wanted.

CRYSTAL PALACE: P Suckling; A Finnigan, D Burke, G Pennyfather (sub: A Pardew), G Nebbeling, J Cannon, J Salako (sub: J Pemberton), G Thomas, M Bright, I Wright, P Barber.
ASTON VILLA: N Spink; K Gage, B Gallacher, A Gray, A Evans, M Keown, P Birch, D Platt, G Thompson, S Gray, G Williams (sub: A McInally).
Referee: J M Carter.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Cup Semi-finals

Nottm For	1	Liverpool	2
(at Sheffield Wed)			
Wimbledon	2	Luton	1
(at Tottenham)			

Barclays League First division

Chelsea	1	Derby	0
Coventry	0	Charlton	0
Everton	2	Portsmth	1
Newcastle	1	QPR	1
Southamptn	4	Arsenal	2
Watford	3	Oxford Utd	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	33	23	8	2	73	20	77
Man Utd	35	18	12	5	58	35	66
Everton	35	18	10	7	48	22	64
Nottm For	33	18	9	6	58	29	63
QPR	35	18	8	9	43	33	62
Arsenal	35	16	10	9	51	33	58
Wimbledon	34	13	11	10	51	40	50
Coventry	35	12	11	12	42	49	47
Sheff Wed	35	14	5	16	43	56	47
Southmptn	35	11	12	13	45	48	45
Newcastle	34	10	13	11	44	47	43
Tottenham	37	11	10	16	35	45	43
Luton	31	12	6	13	46	45	42
Norwich	35	12	6	17	36	45	42
Chelsea	36	9	12	15	45	60	39
Derby Cnty	36	9	11	16	32	42	38
West Ham	34	8	13	13	33	45	37
Charlton	36	8	12	16	33	49	36
Portsmth	35	7	12	16	30	55	33
Oxford	35	6	12	17	39	66	30
Watford	35	6	9	20	23	44	27

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet	1	Wycombe	1
Bath	1	Maidstne	3
Cheltnhm	3	Lincoln	3
Dagenham	1	Runcorn	4
Kidminstr	2	Sutton U	2
Macclsfd	2	Fisher	4
Weym'th	0	Nrthwich	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	37	22	10	5	88	38	76
Lincoln	35	21	9	5	77	40	72
Kettering	37	21	8	8	64	40	71
Kddrmnstr	38	18	12	8	71	60	66
Stafford R	36	18	9	9	65	45	63
Sutton Utd	37	15	15	7	69	48	60
Telford	34	17	7	10	56	40	58
Runcorn	35	16	10	9	55	41	58
Weymouth	35	15	9	11	44	32	54
Macclesfld	36	15	8	13	55	54	53
Maidstone	35	14	8	13	65	55	50
Enfield	36	13	9	14	60	69	48
Fisher Ath	38	11	13	14	48	55	46
Cheltnham	36	9	17	10	55	58	44
Boston	36	12	6	18	50	60	42
Wycombe	39	9	13	17	48	74	40
Altrnchm	35	10	8	17	44	56	38
Northwich	34	7	13	14	31	49	34
Welling Utd	35	9	6	20	42	61	33
Bath	37	7	9	21	43	71	30
Wealdstne	37	4	15	18	34	67	27
Dagenham	38	5	6	27	34	87	21

Second division

Birmingham	1	Sheff Utd	0
Bradford	2	Hull	0
C Palace	1	Aston Villa	1
Middsbro	2	Man City	1
Millwall	3	Plymouth	2
Oldham	5	Stoke	1
Reading	2	Barnsley	1
Swindon	1	Blackburn	2
West Brom	1	Leicester	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	40	22	7	11	66	47	73
Middlesbro	40	20	12	8	56	29	72
Blackburn	40	20	12	8	63	48	72
Aston Villa	41	20	11	10	68	41	71
Bradford	39	20	10	9	63	47	70
Crystal Pal	40	19	9	12	79	57	66
Leeds Utd	40	17	10	13	57	49	61
Man City	40	17	7	16	71	54	58
Stoke	41	16	10	15	48	54	58
Oldham	39	16	9	14	64	59	57
Ipswich	40	16	9	15	52	47	57
Swindon	38	15	9	14	68	54	54
Barnsley	39	15	8	16	56	54	53
Plymouth	37	15	7	15	60	56	52
Hull	39	13	13	13	48	54	52
Leicester	40	13	11	16	55	56	50
Birmnghm	40	11	13	16	39	60	46
Shrewsbry	40	10	14	16	38	50	44
WBA	40	12	8	20	45	62	44
Bournemth	38	10	9	19	49	62	39
Sheff Utd	40	11	6	23	41	72	39
Reading	38	9	9	20	41	64	36
Huddersfld	39	6	9	24	38	87	27

BASS IRISH CUP: Semi-final: Glentoran 2, Portadown 2 (at Windsor Park, Belfast).
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal 0, Reading 1; Portsmouth 1, Ipswich 0; West Ham 1, Southampton 1.
FA TROPHY: Semi-finals, second leg: Enfield 0, Barrow 1 (aet: aggregate 2-2); Wokingham 0, Telford 1 (Telford win 3-0 on aggregate)
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1, Croydon 1; Bognor 0, Farnborough 2; Carshalton 2, Barking 0; Dulwich 2, Bishop's Stortford 2; Harrow 2, Hayes 3; Hendon 0, Leytonstone-Ilford 1; Kingstonian 2, St Albans 1; Leyton-Wingate 3, Windsor and Eton 0; Yeovil 3, Bromley 0. First division: Boreham Wood 1, Kingsbury 1; Bracknell 2, Southwick 1, Chesham 5, Wolverton 0; Leatherhead 0, Hampton 1; Lewes 6, Billericay 1; Marlow 3, Staines 2; Oxford City 2, Woking 4; Stevenage Borough 0, Uxbridge 1; Walthamstow Avenue 0, Grays 1; Worthing 0, Wembley 1. Second division north: Finchley 2, Haringey Borough 2; Harlow 1, Ware 1; Hemel Hempstead 3, Hertford 2; Heybridge 1, Clapton 1; Letchworth GC 1, Hornchurch 2; Rainham 1, Barton 2; Royston 0, Collier Row 4; Tring 2, Aveley 0; Vauxhall Motors 0, Tilbury 1; Witham 0, Berkhamsted 4; Wivenhoe 2, Saffron Walden 0. Second division south: Chertsey 1, Southall 0; Eastbourne United 0, Harefield 1; Egham 0, Hungerford 1; Epsom and Ewell 1, Banstead 0; Flackwell Heath 3, Whyteleafe 3; Horsham 1, Ruislip Manor 0; Molesey 0, Maidenhead United 3; Newbury 0, Chalfont St Peter 6; Petersfield 0, Metropolitan Police 6; Yeading 2, Dorking 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor 2, Goole 1; Caernarfon 3, Mossley 2; Chorley 0, Worksop 1; Frickley 2, Workington 1; Gateshead 1, Southport 0; Horwich 1, Witton 0; Hyde 4, Buxton 2; Matlock 1, Marine 2; Morecambe 1, South Liverpool 0. First division: Accrington Stanley 1, Farsley 2; Alfreton 1, Penrith 1; Curzon Ashton 0, Droylsden 0; Eastwood Town 1, Congleton 1; Harrogate 0, Irlam 1; Lancaster 5, Leek 6; Radcliffe 1, Eastwood Hanley 1; Stalybridge 1, Fleetwood 4; Winsford 7, Netherfield 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 1, Dorchester 0; Aylesbury 3, Crawley 2; Bedworth 0, Cambridge City 1; Burton 1, Bromsgrove 1; Dartford 4, Chelmsford 1; Gosport 0, Redditch 0; Leicester United 0, Alvechurch 2; Shepshed 0, Fareham 2; VS Rugby 2, Worcester 0; Willenhall 0, Corby 5; Witney 2, Nuneaton 1. Midland division: Bridgnorth 2, Stourbridge 0; Coventry Sporting 2, Paget Rangers 3; Dudley 2, Hednesford 0 (at Stourbridge); Gloucester 3, Mile Oak 1; Grantham 2, Forest Green 3; King's Lynn 0, Banbury 3; Merthyr Tydfil 0, Halesowen 2; Sutton Coldfield 1, Rushden 0; Trowbridge 1, Atherstone 2; Wellingborough 0, Moor Green 0. Postponed: Buckingham v Bilston. Southern division: Burnham 0, Sheppey 0; Bury 3, Folkestone 2; Canterbury 1, Corinthian 2; Chatham 1, Thanet 1; Dover 3, Waterlooville 1; Dunstable 2, Andover 3; Hastings 1, Salisbury 1; Hounslow 1, Erith and Belvedere 3; Poole 6, Ruislip 4; Tonbridge 0, Baldock 2.
ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: AFC Cardiff 3, Brecon 1; Aberystwyth 2, Port Talbot 0; Caerleon 0, Maesteg 1; Cwmbran 1, Ebbw Vale 3; Haverfordwest 1, Bridgend 1; Llanelli 0, Barry 1; Ton Pentre 1, Pembroke 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 3, Clandown 0; Chippenham 2, Barnstaple 0; Exmouth 0, Bristol City 3; Frome 0, Melksham 0; Liskeard 4, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Mangotsfield 1, Taunton 1; Minehead 3, Weston-super-Mare 3; Paulton 2, Torrington 2; Plymouth Argyle 3, Clevedon 0; Saltash 6, Radstock 1; Swanage and Herston 4, Dawlish 1.
DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon 1, Ferryhill 3; Chester-le-Street 0, Whitley Bay 2; Consett 1, Bishop Auckland 3; Crook 3, North Shields 2; Easington 1, Spennymoor 1; Gretna 5, South Bank 0; Newcastle Blue Star 3, Billingham Synthonia 0; Tow Law 1, Blyth 3; Whitby 1, Ryhope CA 4.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 1, Warrington 7; Clitheroe 2, Glossop 1; Colne Dynamoes 0, Burscough 0; Colwyn Bay 1, Prescot Cables 0; Ellesmere Port and Neston 3, Leyland Motors 1; Kirkby 0, Rossendale 0; St Helens 7, Bootle 0.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg 1, Hallam 2; Grimethorpe MW 1, Pontefract Collieries 1; Harrogate Railway 0, Belper 3; Hatfield Main 2, Armthorpe Welfare 1; Ossett Albion 1, Guiseley 4; Thackley 2, Long Eaton 0. League Cup: Semi-final: Rowntree Mackintosh 1, Denaby 1 (aet).
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham 3, Charlton 1; Gillingham 1, Watford 0; Ipswich 0, Chelsea 2; Tottenham 2, Cambridge 0. Postponed: Leyton Orient v Arsenal. Second division: Bristol Rovers 1, Swindon 2; Crystal Palace 1, Southampton 0.
ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Final: Old Brentwoods 1, Old Cholmeleians 2.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians 3, Old Carthusians 0; Old Foresters 5, Old Etonians 0. First division: Old Ardinians 2, Old Harrovians 2; Lancing Old Boys 1, Old Wellingburians 0.
LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Limerick City 2, Sligo Rovers 0; Waterford United 1, Bohemians 1. Leading positions: 1, Bohemians, played 33, 45pts; 2, Dundalk, 31, 43; 3, St Patrick's, 31, 42.

Third division

Brentford	2	Gillnghm	2
Brighton	1	Wigan	0
Bristol C	2	Blackpool	1
Bury	0	Notts Co	1
Chestrfld	1	Aldershot	0
Grimsby	0	Fulham	2
Port Vale	1	Chester	1
Southend	1	Sunderld	4
Walsall	2	Doncaster	1

Yesterday

NTHMPTON (0) 2 MANSFLD (0) 0
Wilcox
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6,917

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderlnd	41	23	12	6	80	45	81
Walsall	43	22	12	9	66	46	78
Notts Cnty	42	21	12	9	74	44	75
Northmptn	42	18	17	7	64	40	71
Brighton	41	19	14	8	57	43	71
Wigan	41	19	12	10	65	52	69
Bristol City	40	17	11	12	69	59	62
Fulham	41	17	9	15	64	55	60
Brentford	41	16	12	13	48	51	60
Port Vale	38	16	9	13	52	45	57
Gillingham	42	13	16	13	72	57	55
Blackpool	40	14	13	13	60	51	55
Preston	42	14	12	16	45	52	54
Bury	42	13	13	16	55	55	52
Chester	41	13	13	15	47	58	52
Bristol R	39	13	11	15	56	54	50
Mansfield	40	13	10	17	44	47	49
Rotherham	42	10	16	16	46	58	46
Southend	42	11	13	18	56	79	46
Grimsby	42	11	12	19	46	54	45
Aldershot	41	13	6	22	57	72	45
Chesterfld	41	12	9	20	36	67	45
Doncaster	41	8	8	25	37	75	32
York	41	7	8	26	43	80	29

Fourth division

Crewe	3	Darlingtn	1
Exeter City	1	Bolton	1
Hartlpool	1	Stockport	3
Leyton O	4	Carlisle	1
Newport	0	Peterboro	4
Scarboro	2	Hereford	1
Swansea	1	Tranmere	2
Torquay	2	Cardiff	0
Wrexham	2	Scunthrpe	1

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	41	23	9	9	71	38	78
Cardiff	41	19	13	9	58	40	70
Scunthorpe	40	18	13	9	70	47	67
Bolton	40	19	10	11	53	39	67
Torquay	38	18	11	9	54	34	65
Leyton O	41	17	12	12	77	57	63
Swansea	42	18	9	15	57	53	63
Burnley	41	19	6	16	52	55	63
Wrexham	42	18	6	18	62	52	60
Darlington	40	17	9	14	67	58	60
Peterboro	42	17	9	16	47	51	60
Colchester	40	17	8	15	44	43	59
Hartlepool	41	15	13	13	47	48	58
Scarboro	41	15	12	14	49	44	57
Tranmere	41	17	6	18	53	49	55
Cambridge	40	15	10	15	44	46	55
Crewe	40	13	15	12	54	47	54
Stockport	41	12	12	17	41	51	48
Hereford	41	11	12	18	36	52	45
Rochdale	42	10	15	17	43	69	45
Halifax	39	11	11	17	44	52	43
Exeter	42	10	12	20	46	62	42
Carlisle	39	10	6	23	49	80	36
Newport	39	5	7	27	31	82	22

● Tranmere deducted two points and Halifax one point by League.

Scottish FA Cup Semi-finals

Celtic	2	Hearts	1
Dundee Utd	0	Aberdeen	0

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Morton	3	Rangers	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	40	28	10	2	73	21	66
Hearts	39	21	14	4	70	29	56
Rangers	40	24	7	9	76	32	55
Aberdeen	39	19	15	5	53	23	53
Dundee Utd	39	14	13	12	44	40	41
Dundee	40	16	6	18	66	58	38
Hibernian	39	10	16	13	34	39	36
Motherwell	40	12	8	20	32	52	32
St Mirren	40	8	15	17	38	59	31
Falkirk	39	8	11	20	33	63	27
Dunfrmline	39	7	9	23	36	77	23
Morton	40	3	10	27	25	87	16

First division

Airdrie	1	Qn of South	1
Clydebank	3	Forfar	2
East Fife	2	Clyde	0
Hamilton	2	Raith Rov	1
Kilmarnock	3	Dumbarton	1
Partick	2	Meadowbnk	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	40	22	10	8	64	33	54
Meadowbnk	40	19	11	10	65	45	49
Clydebank	40	19	6	15	52	55	44
Airdrie	40	15	13	12	62	59	43
Raith R	40	17	7	16	73	67	41
Partick	40	16	9	15	60	58	41
Forfar	40	12	16	12	61	58	40
Queen Sth	40	12	14	14	49	62	38
Clyde	40	16	5	19	71	72	37
Kilmarnck	40	11	10	19	49	56	32
East Fife	40	12	7	21	56	73	31
Dumbarton	40	10	10	20	44	68	30

Second division

Albion Rov	1	Queens Pk	2
Arbroath	1	Montrose	1
Ayr	3	Stranraer	1
Berwick	0	S Johnstne	2
Brechin	1	E Stirling	0
Cowdenbth	0	Alloa	1
Stirling Alb	3	Stenhsemr	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ayr Utd	35	26	6	3	91	27	58
St Johnstne	35	22	8	5	65	23	52
Brechin	35	19	7	9	52	34	45
Queens Park	35	18	8	9	55	40	44
Stirling A	35	15	9	11	52	49	39
E Stirling	35	13	12	10	46	42	38
Alloa	35	15	7	13	46	40	37
Arbroath	35	10	13	12	54	56	33
Montrose	35	11	11	13	40	44	33
Stenhsmuir	35	10	9	16	44	53	29
Albion R	35	9	10	16	39	68	28
Cowdenbth	35	8	11	16	45	64	27
Berwick	35	5	4	26	27	70	14
Stranraer	35	3	7	25	29	75	13

FAI CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Dundalk 1, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Longford Town 0, Derry City 2.
ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoli 1, Juventus 1; Como 0, Avellino 0; Fiorentina 0, Pisa 0; Milan 1, Empoli 0; Napoli 1, Internazionale 0; Roma 0, Sampdoria 2; Torino 2, Pescara 0; Verona 0, Cesena 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 25, 41pts; 2, AC Milan, 25, 37; 3, Roma 25, 33.
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 0, Karlsruhe 0; Waldhof Mannheim 0, Werder Bremen 1; Bayern Munich 8, Schalke 1; FC Homburg 1, Cologne 0; Nuremberg 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Bayer Uerdingen 3, Bochum 1; Stuttgart 3, Kaiserslautern 0; Borussia Dortmund 3, Hanover 3; Hamburg SV 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, played 27, 43pts; 2, Bayern Munich, 27, 39; 3, Cologne, 27, 37.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1	1	1½	1	1	1	1	1½	3●	1	2	1½	1	1½	1	1	3●	1	1	1	1	1	1½	3●	1	1½	1	1½	1

Cholmeleians' cup

It was third time lucky for the Old Cholmeleians at Motspur Park on Saturday when they beat Old Brentwoods, 2-1, to win the Arthur Dunn cup final. They avenged their 1986 defeat with goals from Halstead (penalty) and Walton after Allden

Real shooting star

Zaragoza (Reuter) — Nasko Sirakov, one of Buglaria's top football forwards, has joined Real Zaragoza for three seasons at a cost of $900,000 (about £475,000), the club said.

Charlton on video

Bobby Charlton and Don Givens will be featured as the representatives of England and the Republic of Ireland in special videos to be screened at the opening ceremony for the European championship in West Germany in June.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Big Ben rises above European rivals to seize World Cup

From a Special Correspondent, Gothenburg

With a masterful final clear round in yesterday's third and last leg, Ian Millar and Big Ben, the Pan American Games champions, swept to their expected victory in the Volvo World Cup here, to give Canada its second major show-jumping title *in less than* a year.

A spirited last-day challenge by the European champions, Pierre Durand and Jappeloup de Luze, took them into second place, while Phillipe Le Jeune, the Swiss-based Belgian rider, conjured another two good rounds out of Nistria, his French-bred mare, to finish third.

Malcolm Pyrah, of Britain, who started the last leg in third place behind *Millar* and Le Jeune, could not quite maintain his form of Friday night. With a fence down in each round, Pyrah slipped to fifth. But *his horse*, Towerlands Anglezarke, who is now 17, has deliberately been given a slow start to this Olympic year, and it was perhaps inevitable that his lack of fitness would tell over these big courses.

Despite a mistake in the first round, *Millar went into* the second still with 4.5 penalties in hand over his European rivals. This time the mighty Big Ben, who stands 17.3 *hands* and looks every inch a champion, was not in the mood to make mistakes.

Obviously fully recovered from the slight attack of cholic that had afflicted him on Friday, the 12-year-old chestnut gelding strode home in the style that marks him out as a potential Olympic gold medal winner.

Little Jappeloup, who is eight inches shorter than Big Ben, was one of only two horses to jump a double clear

Next Milton, much more at home over these big grand prix courses than he was in last Thursday's speed class, recorded a clear round and four faults to put John Whitaker in overall eighth

RESULTS: Third leg: equal 1, Jappeloup de Luz (P Durand, Fr) and Juniperus (H Hansen, US), 0 faults; equal 3, Orchidee (O Hafemeister, WG), Big Ben (I Millar, Can) and Next Milton (J Whitaker, GB), 4 flts.
Final Volvo World Cup standings: 1, Millar, 4 penalties; 2, Durand, 8.5; 3, P Le Jeune (Bel), 12.5; 4, Hafemeister, 13.5; 5, M Pyrah (GB), 14. Other British placings: 8, J Whitaker, 15; 9, J Turi, 20; 26, N Skelton; 27, J Hunter; 31, L Edgar; 36, M Whitaker.

HOCKEY

Dixon puts Army into the retreat

By Sydney Friskin

David Dixon, of Hounslow, played a big part in taking Middlesex into the semi-finals of the county championship on Saturday at Feltham, with a 1-0 victory over the Army achieved after much hard work.

Three minutes before half-time. Dixon rescued Middlesex from a crisis by saving on the line, after Meredith had stopped two stinging shots from Jennings. Ten minutes before the final whistle, Dixon scored the goal from a short corner.

This was a bitter pill for the Army who, despite the absence of the injured Hunnisett, had the better of the first half, in which Hazlitt and Gordon were prominent in attack, but squandered four short corners.

Middlesex also spurned a few chances and were deprived of a goal early in the second half when Haddock made a great save off Charanjit Bhaura. After Dixon had scored, Benzies also missed a great chance by shooting straight at the goalkeeper.

Yorkshire also reached the semi-finals with a victory, by the same score, over **Cambridgeshire** at Beeston, Nottingham.

Like Middlesex, Yorkshire also had their hero, Craig, formerly of Southgate. Craig set up a chance for Stamp, whose shot was well saved by Lloyd before Leach dashed in to score on the rebound in the twentieth minute of the second half.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Yorkshire v Worcestershire; Somerset v Middlesex.

Convincing England

England regained the home countries under-18 women's championship at Swindon on Saturday (Joyce Whitehead writes). Ireland, the defending champions, were second, Wales third and Scotland fourth.

England, winners against Ireland and Wales the previous day, completed three victories with a 2-0 success against Scotland, scoring a goal in each half through Cullen and Pilkington.

Ireland ran out 4-1 victors against Wales. Sarah Kelleher scored twice in the first half and Caroline Craig added a third. *Amanda Williams pulled a goal* back for the Welsh, but Claire Samways scored a fourth to put the result beyond doubt.

SQUASH RACKETS

England's chances disappear

By Colin McQuillan

England yesterday finished third in the junior world team championships in Edinburgh, crushing New Zealand in a midday play-off while Australia and Pakistan warmed up for a final which until Saturday had seemed England's for the taking.

Having overwhelmed Finland in the quarter-finals, England, *led by Del Harris,* the junior world champion, drew the more difficult semi-final against Pakistan, for whom the senior world champion, Jansher Khan, aged 18, was shipped in from Monte Carlo.

The first-string clash ended predictably enough, resulting in a 9-3, 9-4, 9-3 victory in 54 minutes for Pakistan.

At third string Mark Baker collapsed from a lead of two games and three points to a 9-10, 5-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-0 defeat by Tayab Habib.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Pakistan 2, England 1 (J Khan bt D Harris, 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; F Samiullah lost to S Meads, 9-6, 5-9, 3-9, 4-9; T Habib bt M Baker, 9-10, 5-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-0); Australia 3, New Zealand 0 (A Hill bt G Wilson, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5; M Carlyon bt A Clarke, 8-10, 9-2, 9-4, 9-3; S Moxham bt P Steel, 9-2, 9-1, 9-5). *Third place play-off:* England 3, New Zealand 0 (D Harris bt G Wilson, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1; S Meads bt P Steel, 9-6, 9-3, 9-2; S Parks bt J McLaughlan, 9-0, 9-0, 9-1).

JUDO



Joanne Spinks, the British heavyweight, gets to grips with her Finnish opponent, Anne Vainio, at the British open championships at Crystal Palace yesterday, where Densign White was in fine form for Britain with six convincing victories (Photograph: Chris Cole)

TENNIS

Winning French ways on court

From Richard Evans, Clermont-Ferrand

Sickness in the Australian camp could not disguise the fact that the talents of the French Davis Cup team, like the food the visitors have been eating, was too rich and too varied for Neale Fraser's inexperienced squad. With Wally Masur looking pallid after week-long stomach problems, John Fitzgerald had no chance of saving the tie for Australia in Saturday's doubles when Yannick Noah and Guy Forget secured a 3-0 winning lead, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

It was a highly impressive performance by the two 6ft 4in Frenchmen who, along with the multi-talented Henri Leconte, spearhead a team that should do France proud over the next few years — at least on court.

Off court, the French team continue to embarrass its own Federation. Although the function was held in their own hotel, none of the French players attended the dinner hosted by former President Giscard d'Estaing and Fraser could not resist remarking in his speech: "I would have liked to congratulate the French team if they had been here."

Philippe Chatrier, French federation president, was furious. "It is the star system," he told me. "They do what they want."

● **FRANKFURT:** West Germany swept away Denmark 5-0 in their Davis Cup quarter-final. Boris Becker and Eric Jelen made short work of, respectively, Morten Christensen (6-3, 6-4) and Michael Tauson (6-2, 7-5). Becker, ranked fourth in the world, outclassed Christensen in just over an hour and Jelen, ranked fortieth, needed only 58 minutes to beat Tauson.

In another World Group quarter-final, Yugoslavia took a winning 3-1 lead over Italy.

ROWING

A splendid effort by US visitor

By Jim Railton

Ann Marden, an American international, gave a spectacular performance in the Head of the River race for scullers on Saturday. After starting in 469th place, the Olympic silver medal winner in quadruple sculls finished 32nd to take the women's open title.

Flurries of wet snow carried by a north easterly, providing a tough cross headwind, made it a mean day for the voyage from Mortlake to Putney, when the overall title went to the 1987 national champion, Simon Larkin, of Nottingham Boat Club, who started in fifteenth place, with Mark Buckingham, Anton Obholzer and Rory Henderson in close attendance.

The expected challenge from Steve Redgrave, the Commonwealth Games single sculls champion, failed to materialize. It was not that Redgrave's starting position of 13 was unlucky but rather that, suffering from the effects of a virus *earlier in the week, he was only* able to advance two places.

RESULTS: 1, S Larkin (Nottingham BC), 22min 18.5sec; 2, M Buckingham (Marlow), 22:23.3; 3, A Obholzer (London University), 22:23.4; 4, R Henderson (Lea), 22:24.2; 5, A Kittermaster (Barclays Bank), 22:31.1; 6, I Hopkins (Thames Tradesmen), 22:34.2; 7, M Pollecut (Thames Tradesmen), 22:38.3; 8, C Smith (Nottingham BC), 22:38.9; 9, N Burfitt (Imperial College), 22:39.0; 10, D Rendle (Tideway Scullers), 22:39.5; 11, S Redgrave (Marlow), 22:41.2; 12, A Johnson (Lea), 22:44.5; 13, M J Diserens (Wallingford), 22:49.0; 14, J Spencer-Jones (Bewdley), 22:50.6; 15, M Mossop (Kingston), 22:51.1.
OTHER PENNANT WINNERS INCLUDED: First lightweight: N State (Evesham), 17. Second lightweight: P Haining (Nottingham BC), 20. Third lightweight: C Skuse (Leander), 23. Women (Open): A Marden (Thames Tradesmen), 32. Novice: S Schmiel (Thames Tradesmen), 53. First junior: G Attewell (Poplar, Blackwall and District), 113. Second junior: S Cox (Emmanuel School), 149. Third junior: A Pengelley (Isca), 169. Junior (under 16): G Ingram (Westminster School), 193. Veteran B: M Alloway (Tideway Scullers), 37. Veteran D: D Gramold (Tideway Scullers), 113. Veteran E: K Brawn (Henley), 215. Veteran (over 50): A Botteril (Erith), 266. Veteran (over 70): M Padwick (Mortlake Anglian), 450. Veteran (over 80): C Marlow (Thames Tradesmen), 481. Open Restricted: S Saunders (Shoreham), 234.

GOLF

Comedian has few friends when he airs his grievances

From David Miller, Augusta

Fuzzy Zoeller is the comedian of golf, as ready for a laugh at his own expense as anyone else is. These last few days, though, as usual *filling every* seat in the interview room, he has been more joke than joker.

The famed Augusta course, the Masters champion of 1979 said on Friday, from the admitted vantage point of a second round 66, was ridiculous. What the committee had done to the greens this year made it like *pitching the ball onto concrete.* If this was golf, he implied, then he was in the wrong league.

The greens undoubtedly are firm, fast and many, such as the *13th and 16th,* have fiendish slopes. Their difficulty has been compounded by the swirling wind of the first day, the drying sun of the second and third, and by the daily cunning of pin placings.

Yet the short answer to Zoeller, and to newcomers such as Paul Mayo, the British Amateur champion, who voiced alarm at the difficulty of many approach shots, is that but for the hazards of the greens, Zoeller might have shot under 60. And Sandy Lyle, the leader on the *second* and third day, might likewise have had a double figure below par score.

Zoeller was busy repeating his allegations on Saturday evening after a par 72, which put him in joint third place for an exceptional run-in to the title with five former Masters "Green Jackets" bunched in the pack pursuing the Scot.

Hord Harding, the Augusta chairman, was quick to respond to Zoeller's criticism. "It's disappointing to hear this from one of our champions," he said. "But *I can't believe others of our great* champions, such as Hogan, Snead and Sarazen, would have the same reaction. Today's players, unlike those of other days, play off perfect fairways. Good players ought to be able to handle the ball. By Sunday evening, *if* Fuzzy continues to play well, I expect him to cool off."

Zoeller did not cool. He claimed the committee was trying to preserve the par of the course under the onslaught of great golfers, and that this was harmful to the enjoyment of the crowd. We were not hearing those claps of thunder, he said, when someone birdied the par-five 13th or 15th or the short *12th: the 170-yard 16th was* effectively a par four.

Well, we certainly heard an explosion when Calcavecchia was two under par on the 15th on *Saturday, not long after Lyle* had hit his one bad shot of the day, when he drove into the woods and landed in the brook to lose one to par at the 13th. The crowd would be acclaiming all Sunday the merest whiff of a challenge to the splendidly relaxed Lyle.

Jack Nicklaus, who failed to break par on the first three rounds, was wholly objective. "The purpose of the course is to separate the golfers, and find the best, with drives and irons," he said. "It's no good if people are going round shooting 63 with a putter." The way his putter was working, there was not much chance of a seventh title for him.

"I understand what Fuzzy is saying," Nicklaus *added,* "that the greens are getting close to the borderline. But I think the course is perfect, and with the [drying] *sun it just needs water* by the third day."

The calmest man in Augusta has been Lyle, a strange blend of maturity and naivety when he comes to talk: Yes, he said he had had quite a good round. He had "saved" one or two possible disasters and, yes, he did have a head cold, but his girlfriend, who is a trained specialist in the neuro-medical value of applied pressure points to the soles of the feet, was clearing his nose at night by tickling his toes. The American Press was rendered speechless.

Yes, Lyle admitted, the greens *were fast, only Melbourne or* perhaps St Andrews were as difficult. Here was someone in that inspired mood of an advancing infantryman who doesn't hear the bullets. Yes, he would keep an eye on the scoreboard on Sunday, over the last five holes, so as to know if he had to gamble or could afford to play safe.

Win or lose, it would be an unforgettable day.

Stern shots make sure Stowe bag the title

By John Hennessy

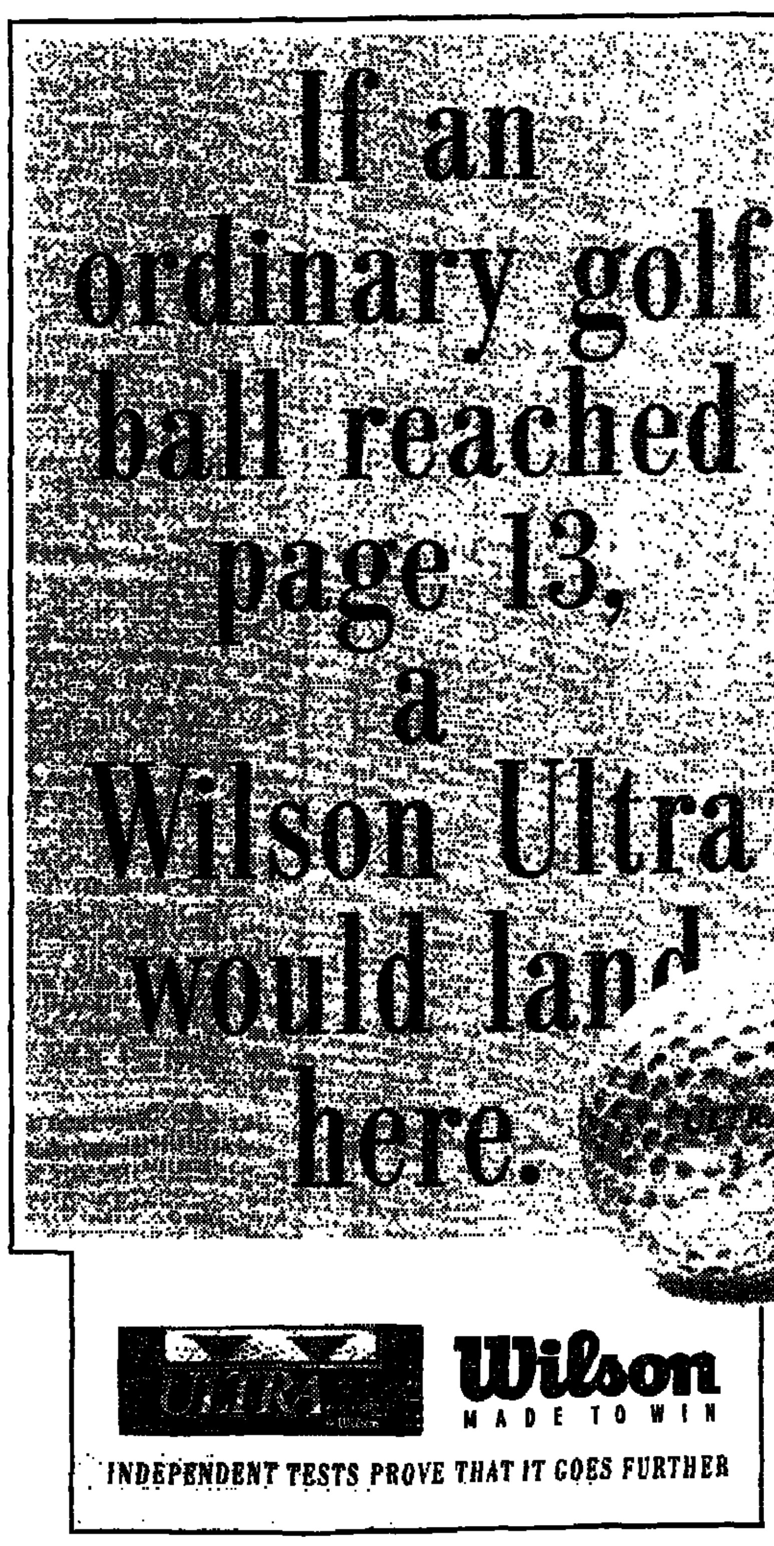
Stowe won the Halford Hewitt tournament for the second time at Deal yesterday. Having dispatched Malvern in the morning, they ran away with the first three matches against Bradfield in the afternoon and won by four and a half points to a half. With two matches already in the bag, Stern played two splendid strokes at the side of Perring to see Stowe home.

Stern produced a deft chip to save the 16th and won the 17th with a superb iron shot out of heavy rough to go one up. Bradfield's last flickering hope *vanished when Jones hooked* wildly off the 18th tee.

After Shaw and Rotheroe had brought in the first point for Stowe, Chapman (Bradfield), a former Walker Cup player, and Durrant (Stowe), a former England international, were engaged in what looked like a stern tussle alongside Garrett and Cooper respectively.

They were all square after 11 holes when the match collapsed. Bradfield lost a ball at the 12th, Durrant hit a fine three-wood *into the wind and on to the 13th* green and Stowe got down with a chip and a putt at the 15th. Three down with three to play, Chapman, in a watery hollow, opted to play the ball where it lay and hit it over the green.

RESULTS: Third round: Edinburgh 3, Cranleigh 2; Bradfield 3, Rossall 2; Tonbridge 3, Blundell's 2; Malvern 4, Harrow 1; Glenalmond 3, Shrewsbury 2; Stowe 4, Winchester 1. Fourth round: Lancing 3, Marlborough 2; Bradfield 4½, Edinburgh 1½; Malvern 3, Tonbridge 2; Stowe 3, Glenalmond 2. Semi-final: Bradfield 3½, Lancing 1½; Stowe 3½, Malvern 1½. Final: Stowe 4½, Bradfield ½. Stowe names first: M Shaw and C Rotheroe bt J A Cox and T H Harker, 2 and 1; R Durrant and P Cooper bt B H G Chapman and E J S Garrett, 3 and 2; N Stern and C Perring bt M A Jones and R H Mitchell, one hole; C Danpfl and P Marlowe halved with H F Dolton and C M Todd; D Hadfield and J Gray bt C N Trollope and P S Gilbert, 2 and 1.
WOODHALL SPA, LINCS: Central England Open Men's Foursomes: Quarter-finals: T Elvin and F Gibson bt J R Payne and M J Payne, 3 and 2; R Cole and R Beeke bt N Freeman and P Norcross, 2 and 1; N Martin and C Bee bt P Cockroft and W Hopkinson, at 19th; J Gaunt and F Caswell bt P Birkin and S Cox, 4 and 3. Semi-finals: Elvin and Gibson bt Cole and Beekie by 1 hole; Gaunt and Caswell bt Martin and Bee at 20th. Final: Elvin and Gibson bt Gaunt and Caswell at 21st.



FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ORLANDO: Orlando Grand Prix track classic (winners, US unless stated): Men: 100m: 1, J Butler, 10.29sec. 400m: 1, W McCoy, 45.85sec. 110m hurdles: 1, R Kingdom, 13.42sec. Triple jump: 1, N Elliott, 16.62m. Discus: 1, B Cooper (Bahamas), 62.28m. Women: 100m: E Ashford, 11.49sec. High jump: L Ritter, 1.93m.
BASILDON: Southern counties 50 kilometre walking championship: 1, R Dobson (Ilford), 4hr 26min 09sec; 2, A James (Enfield), 4:29:20; 3, D Rowland (Steyning), 4:29:34.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Cincinnati Reds 5, Houston Astros 4; Philadelphia Phillies 9, New York Mets 3; San Francisco Giants 3, San Diego Padres 1; Montreal Expos 10, Chicago Cubs 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 11, Atlanta Braves 3; St Louis Cardinals 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 0. American League: Cleveland Indians 12, Baltimore Orioles 1; New York Yankees 4, *Milwaukee Brewers 1; Toronto Blue Jays 10,* Minnesota Twins 0; Detroit Tigers 11, Kansas City Royals 4; Boston Red Sox 2, Texas Rangers 1; Seattle Mariners 3, Chicago White Sox 2 (in 10); Oakland A's 8, California Angels 6. Thursday: National League: Houston Astros 8, Cincinnati Reds 3 (in 16); Chicago Cubs 6, Montreal Expos 4; *Philadelphia Phillies 5, New York Mets 1; Los Angeles* Dodgers 6, Atlanta Braves 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, St Louis Cardinals 3; San Francisco Giants 6, San Diego Padres 1. American League: Cleveland Indians 3, Baltimore Orioles 0; New York Yankees 6, Milwaukee Brewers 4; Minnesota Twins 6, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Kansas City Royals 3, Detroit Tigers 2; Boston Red Sox 4, Texas Rangers 0; Chicago White Sox 3, Seattle Seahawks 2; Oakland A's 8, California Angels 2.
NORTH AMERICA: Stanley Cup: Best-of-seven play-offs: Patrick division: New Jersey Devils 3, New York Islanders 0 (New Jersey leads series 2-1); Philadelphia Flyers 4, Washington Capitals 3 (Philadelphia leads series 2-1). Adams division: Montreal Canadiens 4, Hartford Whalers 3 (Montreal leads series 3-0); Buffalo Sabres 6, Boston Bruins 4 (Boston leads series 2-1). Smythe division: Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flames 2 (Calgary leads series 2-1); Winnipeg Jets 6, Edmonton Oilers 4 (Edmonton leads series 2-1). Norris division: Detroit Red Wings 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 3 (Detroit leads series 2-1); Chicago Blackhawks 6, St Louis Blues 3 (St Louis leads series 2-1).

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Saturday: Detroit Pistons 115, Atlanta Hawks 102; Dallas Mavericks 135, Denver Nuggets 108; Milwaukee Bucks 105, Indiana Pacers 100; Phoenix Suns 95, Sacramento Kings 92; Portland Trail Blazers 119, Los Angeles Lakers 109; Houston Rockets 108, Seattle Supersonics 104. Friday: Boston Celtics 127, New Jersey Nets 90; Cleveland Cavaliers 104, Milwaukee Bucks 85; Detroit Pistons 96, Philadelphia 76ers 88; Washington Bullets 107, Indiana Pacers 100; Chicago Bulls 131, New York Knicks 122; Dallas Mavericks 118, Utah Jazz 95; Denver Nuggets 129, San Antonio Spurs 124 (OT); Golden State Warriors 112, Phoenix Suns 111; Los Angeles Lakers 126, Los Angeles Clippers 107; Seattle Supersonics 114, Portland Trail Blazers 100.
CARLSBERG LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP: (At Wembley): Men's semi-finals: Portsmouth bt Manchester United, 98-90; Murray Livingston bt Polycell Kingston, 101-88. Women's final: Stockport bt Northampton, 78-66.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Wiltshire 119, Dorset 104.
LONG EATON: EBF national indoor championships: Fred Fossett pairs: Quarter-finals: Humberside bt North Cambs, 21-16; *Durham bt North Humberland, 18-12;* Northants bt Hunts, 17-14; Norfolk bt Lincoln, 22-17. Semi-final: Northants bt Norfolk, 25-7. Jubilee triples: Quarter-finals: Durham bt Northants, 15-13; Humberside bt Derbys, 22-20; Lincs bt North Cambs, 24-12; Hunts bt Northumberland, 28-7. Semi-finals: Humberside bt Durham, 30-3; *Lincs bt Hunts,* 26-18.
CARLTON: EBA mixed fours championship: Quarter-finals: Longmeadow (G Standley) bt Ely (S Seymour), 18-14; Gateshead (T Scott) bt Isis (G Harrington) 17-14; Torbay (R Johnson) bt Plymouth Civil Service (D J Cutler) 22-12; Boston (J Brooks) bt Cotswold (F Abbott) 14-9. *Semi finals:* Gateshead bt Longmeadow 20-19; Torbay bt Boston 17-8.

BOXING

ECHIROLLES, France: European light-middleweight championship: Rene Jacquot (Fr) bt Eric Taton (Bel), rsc, 12th rnd.
CASSINO, Italy: WBC featherweight championship: Salvatore Bottiglieri (It) bt Alvaro Bohorquez (Col), pts.
LAS VEGAS: Cruiserweight world championship: Evander Holyfield (US) bt Carlos DeLeon (P Rico), rsc 8th rnd.
MIAMI: WBC light bantamweight championship: Gilberto Roman (Mex) bt Jesus "Sugar Baby" Rojas (Col), pts.
HAMBURG: Rene Weller (WG) bt Jose Antonio Hernando (Sp), pts.

RUGBY UNION

EAST MIDLANDS CUP: Semi-finals: Long Buckby 18, Stockwood Park 26; Leighton Buzzard 14, Wellingborough 9.
SUSSEX CUP: Final: Worthing 12, Crawley 6.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

NOTTINGHAM: English Open Double Rise Championship: 1, C Bloxham, 232; 2, R Fletton, 232 (Bloxham won after shoot-off).

CRICKET

PERTH, Australia: 1977 Centenary Test one-day match: England 215 for 9 (D W Randall 69); Australia 216 for 7 (49 overs; D W Hookes 82, G S Chappell 59 not out; R W Taylor 4ct, 1st). Australia won by three wickets.
HARARE: Fifth one-day match: Sri Lanka B 218 for 7 (50 overs; S A R Samarasekera 94); Zimbabwe 213 for 8 (50 overs; D Goodwin 54; S A R Samarasekera 4 for 44). Sri Lanka B won by 5 runs and took series 3-2.

CYCLING

ROUBAIX: Paris-Roubaix race (266km): Final positions: 1, D De Mol (Bel), 6:34:19; 2, T Wegmuller (Switz), at 3sec; 3, L Fignon (Fr), 1:55. Others: 16, S Kelly (Ire), at 2:53; 56, S Yates (GB), 12:13.
AVIGNON: Tour of the Vaucluse: Fifth stage: 1, J Boden (EG), 4:20:18; 2, C Mottet (Fr); 3, F Philipot (Fr); 4, B Bruyere (Fr); 5, J Simon (Fr); 6, T Claveyrolat (Fr), all same time. Final overall: 1, C Mottet, 19:27:18; 2, C Criquielion (Bel), 19:27:39; 3, J Schur (EG), 19:27:57.
TIME TRIALS: Kenton (2-up, 34 miles): Team Chiltern, 1hr 17min 49sec. Essex (25 miles): K Gill (Elite), 57:13. Team: Lea, 2:55:04. Birdwell (25 miles): D Dungworth (Mapperley), 57:41. Team: Mapperley, 3:08:01. Ozoalan (25 miles): J Pritchard (Polytechnic), 54:48. Team: Polytechnic, 2:52:15. Norlond Combine (25 miles): equal 1, M Bird (Slough) and R Hope (Polytechnic), 1:00:27. Team: Slough, 3:03:04. Cumbria (25 miles): D Richards (Horwich), 1:00:50. Team: Border City, 3:15:01. Warwickshire (25 miles): A Roberts (Crewe Clarion), 58:13. Team: Bromsgrove Olympic, 3:16:16. Merple (25 miles): G Waddington (Pendle Forest), 1:01:37. Team: Crewe Clarion, 3:16:23. Chippenham District (25 miles): P Daniels (Polytechnic), 1:00:12. Team: Bath, 3:15:47. Burton District (25 miles): W Northern (Leicester), 59:37. Team: Leicester, 3:09:29. East Bradford (25 miles): M Bradshaw (GS Metro), 58:18. Team: City (Hull), 3:17:31.
ROAD RACES: Beaconsfield: Archer International (104 miles): 1, P Cassidy (All Ireland), 4:03:12; 2, P McCormack (All Ireland), at 6sec; 3, B Luckwell (St Raphael), at 7sec. Equity Law King of the Chilterns: B Luckwell (St Raphael). Tyne Electric Denton Gala (63 miles): D Lund (Middridge), 2:40:00. Concorde Scalemaster GP (66 miles): 1, A Wood (Dinnington), 2:41:40; 2, S Lillistone (Haverhill); 3, P Wain (Dinnington), same time.

EQUESTRIANISM

GRANTHAM: Belton Park horse trials: Advanced 1: 1, Finneas Finn (D Hughes), 44; 2, Norton Boy (C Hoeg), 44; 3, Beneficial (City Bank Savings, V Lang) 44. Advanced 2: 1, Friday Fox (MacConnal Mason Gallery, R Hunt), 49; 2, Ricki Bee (Mr and Mrs P Osborne, D Clapham), 48; 3, Courteenhall (S Irmie), 49. Advanced 3: 1, The Irishman II (Carphone Group, R Powell), 45; 2, Jiminey Cricket (Colonel H Selby, D Clapham), 48; 3, Kilmacthomas (F Hercock), 52. Advanced 4: 1, Sir Watie (Edinburgh Woollen Mill, I Stark), 34; 2, Jasper (J McCowen, C Bartle) 43; 3, *Mayday (Carphone Group, R Powell),* 47. Advanced 5: 1, Newfield (K Straker), 34; 2, Charisma IV (M Todd), 34; 3, After Eight VI (S Evans), 39.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Celestion Open Doubles Championship: First round: J A N Prenn and J S Male bt T Cockroft and D Mallinson, 15-3, 15-7, 15-3, 15-3; C J Hue Williams and C M Hue Williams bt D Makey (Tonbridge) and R Owen-Browne, 15-12, 15-7, 18-17, 17-15, 13-15, 15-9; A N W Beeson and D M Norman w/o A Spurling and J Spurling scr; N P A Smith (Queens) and S Hazell (Clifton) bt S Kverndal and J Symonds, 15-3, 15-3, 15-8, 15-9; M W Nicholls and P C Nicholls bt S Tulley (Charterhouse) and R Ellis, 9-15, 10-15, 15-4, 15-4, 15-1, 15-3; D C Johnson (Queens) and D Barrett (Wellington) bt A Prenn and R Tindall, 15-3, 15-6, 11-15, 15-0, 11-15, 12-15, 15-6; W R Boone and R S Crawley bt P Mallinson and J Mallinson, 15-5, 15-5, 15-7.

GOLF

HATTIESBURG: Hattiesburg Classic: Third round: Leading scores (US unless stated): 202: D Eichelberger, 69, 69, 64; L Ten Broeck, 72, 64, 66. 204: K Young, 68, 70, 66; F Conner, 65, 70, 69. 205: R Pearson, 71, 70, 64; R Mediate, 72, 67, 66; D Ogrin, 68, 69, 68; R Thompson, 72, 64, 69; B Mogg, 68, 67, 70. 206: J Adams, 69, 71, 66; B Bryant, 70, 69, 67. 207: B Zabriski, 68, 69, 70.
POWAY, California: San Diego Classic women's tournament: Third round: (US unless stated): 203: A Okamoto (Japan), 69, 71, 63. 204: C Walker, 68, 67, 69. 207: J Dickinson, 68, 71, 68; Ok-Hee Ku (S Kor), 68, 70, 69; P Sheehan, 67, 71, 69. 208: L Rittenhouse, 65, 71, 72. 209: J Coles, 72, 67, 70; D Germain, 69, 72, 68; A Alcott, 72, 70, 67. 210: N Lopez, 70, 68, 72; A Finney, 68, 72, 70. Others: 216: T Johnson (GB), 78, 67, 71. 221: L Davies (GB), 73, 71, 77.
HIROSHIMA: Hiroshima Open: Final scores: 277: I Baker-Finch (Aus), 73, 68, 66, 70. 279: G Marsh (Aus), 71, 71, 70, 67. 280: B Jones (Aus), 72, 72, 69, 67. 282: C Parry (Aus), 68, 76, 68, 70. 283: S Okuda (Japan), 72, 70, 72, 69; *N Adachi (Japan), 74, 71, 69, 69.* 284: R Mackay (Aus), 73, 76, 66, 69; D Ishii (US), 73, 73, 67, 71; T Irie (Japan), 74, 74, 68, 68; Y Nuzeki (Japan), 72, 76, 67, 69.
ROYAL MID-SURREY, ASH: Mothers and daughters foursomes (27 holes): 117: Mrs P Carrick (Hunstanton) and Mrs A Uzielli (Berkshire). 120: J Thornhill and C Weeks (Walton Heath). *124: N Hayward (Wentworth)* and C Gosling (Ilkley). 124: S and S Lowe (Broadstone). 125: A Laughlan (Lamberhurst) and R Laughlin (Rye). 127: D and M Barber (Effingham).

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Bisley teams of eight (300 and 600 yards): First match: 1, Berkshire, 762 (J Dunn 97); 2, Hertfordshire, 761 (P Bourne 99); 3, Sussex, 757 (A Sykes 98); 4, Civil Service, 753 (R Munday 97). Second match: 1, Surrey, 767 (P Bennison 100); 2, City RC, 762 (C Behn 97).

HANDBALL

IRUN, Spain: European Champions Cup: Semi-final: Second leg: Elgorriaga Bidasoa (Sp) 19, Tusem Essen (WG) 12 (Essen win on agg).

HOCKEY

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Kent/Sussex: Old Beccehamians 1, Old Bordenians 0.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Combined Services 4, Islanders 5; Islanders 2, London Indians 7; Combined Services 0, London Indians 1.
MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Feltham: Middlesex 1, Army 0. Beeston: Yorkshire 1, Cambridgeshire 0.
WOMEN: SWINDON: Home Countries under-18 tournament: Ireland 4, Wales 1; England 2, Scotland 0. Final placings: 1, England; 2, Ireland; 3, Wales; 4, Scotland.

SNOOKER

ROTHMANS MATCHROOM LEAGUE: (At Chester): S Hendry (Sco) drew with N Foulds (Eng), 4-4. *Frame scores (Hendry first): 18-92,* 71-33, 70-26, 15-70, 28-66, 60-17, 89-8, 53-67; C Thorburn (Can) bt J White (Eng), 6-2. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 42-76, 67-44, 79-34, 74-1, 69-17, 1-107, 82-22, 68-53. (At Cleethorpes): S Davis (Eng) drew with T Griffiths (Wales), 4-4. Frame scores (Davis first): 70-28, 0-110, 5-85, 55-65, 86-17, 56-18, 61-8, 13-82; *Dennis Taylor (N Ire) drew with A* Meo (England), 4-4. Frames scores (Taylor first): 24-68, 107-23, 48-63, 10-87, 67-34, 66-57, 48-75, 77-10.
PEKING: Kaiz China Cup: Final: J Parrott (Eng) bt M Clark (GB), 5-1.

SQUASH RACKETS

THAMES DITTON: Surrey Open: Men: Semi-finals: C Marini (WG) bt A Thompson (Sco), 3-1; S Cunningham (NZ) bt M Winkler (SA), 3-1. Final: Cunningham bt Martini, 9-6, 9-4, 9-7. Women: Semi-finals: J Candlin (Surrey) bt M Freyer (Middx), 3-0; *H Maclie (Surrey) bt V* King (Herts), 3-0. Final: Maclie bt Candlin, 5-8, 5-5, 9-5, 9-4, 9-7.

JUDO

CRYSTAL PALACE, London: British Open championships: Men: Bantamweight (Under *60kg): 1, N Eckersley (GB); 2, C Finney (GB);* 3, R Wylenzek (WG) and R Rennella (It). Featherweight (U 65kg): 1, S Gawthorpe (GB); 2, M Preston (GB); 3, F Decroix (Fr) and J Brenner (WG). Lightweight: 1, P Bozo (Fr); 2, D Brambilla (It); 3, J Ruiz (Sp) and G Edwards (GB). Light middleweight (U 78kg): 1, A Hurth (Neth); 2, G Lambert (GB); 3, N Adams (GB) and J-P Metsola (Fin). Women: Bantamweight (U 48kg): 1, F Boffin (Fr); 2, K Emich (WG); 3, A Mohamooddally (GB) and S Meloux (Fr). Featherweight (U 52kg): 1, S Rendle (GB); 2, H Goossens (Bel); 3, Zhongyun Li (China) and J Ronkainen (Fin). Lightweight (U 56kg): 1, A Giunti (It); 2, A Hughes (GB); 3, P Prolanser (Austria) and Y Arad (Isr). Light-middleweight (61kg): 1, D Bell (GB); 2, K Ott (Switz); 3, R Lehner (Austria) and F Eichoff (WG). Men: Middleweight (U 86kg): 1, D White (GB); 2, B Spijkers (Neth); 3, R Stevens (GB) and D Kistler (Switz). Light heavyweight (U 95kg): 1, R van de Walle (Bel); 2, P Lind (Fin); 3, N Kokotaylo (GB), D Stewart (GB). *Heavyweight (O 95kg):* 1, G Xu (China), 2, C Jenle (Switz); 3, H Bannevelt (Bel) and J Salonen (Fin). Women: Middleweight (U 66kg): 1, C Fiorentino (It); 2, J Morris (GB); 3, V Glica (Fr) and Yun Lu (China). Light-heavyweight (U 72kg): 1, I Berghmans (Bel); 2, E Karlsson (Swe); 3, R Schitt-Enhem (WG). Heavyweight (O 72kg): 1, M T Motta (It); 2, N *Lupino (Fr); 3, S Lee (GB) and N Wallis (GB).*

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Old Hulmeians 11, Old Waconians 6; Urmston 11, Heaton Mersey 12.
BALTIMORE: England 3, United States 2.

MOTOCROSS

GENK, Belgium: Second 125 cc world championship event: First race (21 laps): D Strijbos (Neth), Cagiva, 45min 16.01sec. Second race (21 laps): *J-M Bayle (Fr),* 46:39.26. Overall: 1, Bayle, 37pts; 2, Strijbos, 37; 3, P Tragter (Neth), 28. World championship standings: 1, Bayle, 77; 2, Strijbos, 67; 3, R Moore (US), 53.

MOTOR SPORT

SOUSSE: Tunisian Rally: Final placings: 1, A Vatanen (Fin) and B Berglund (Swe), Peugeot 405 T 16, 29.06; 2, P Lartigue and B Maingret (Fr), Mitsubishi Pajero at 11.16; 3, H Pescarolo and P Fourticq (Fr), Peugeot 405 T at 53:26; 4, A Cowan (GB) and C Dellemier (Fr), Mitsubishi *Pajero at 1:15.07.*

MODERN PENTATHLON

ALDERSHOT: Olympic qualifying international: Fencing. Individual: 1, L Fabian (Hun), 1,000pts; Equal 2, J E Danielsson (Swe) and M Kadlec (Cz), 978. Other placings: 7, D Mahony (GB A), 904; Equal 11, R Phelps (GB A), 856; Equal 16, G Brookhouse (GB A), 832; Equal 18, P Hart (GB A), 808. Running, 4,000m, individual: 1, Kadlec, 12min 39.88sec, 1,288pts; 2, Brookhouse, 12:56.30, 1,237; 3, Hart, 12:58.95, 1,237; 4, A Mizser (Hun), 13:0.19, 1,225. Others: 7, Phelps, 13:12.72, 1,189; 13, *Mahony 13:31.04,* 1,132. Individual overall: 1, Kadlec, 2,264pts; 2, L Fabian (Hun), 2,132; 3, J Quesada (Sp), 2,098; 4, Brookhouse, 2,069; Equal 5, Hart and Phelps, 2,045; 7, Mahony, 2,036. Team overall: 1, GB A, 6,159pts; 2, Hungary, 6,135; 3, Spain, 6,050.

ORIENTEERING

BRITISH STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS: (At Pickering): Individual championship: Men (10.6km): 1, A Kitchin (Sheffield Univ), 63min *42sec; 2, N Conway (Nottingham Univ),* 64:12; 3, D Peel (Portsmouth P), 64:50. Women (7.0km): 1, Y Hague (Edinburgh Univ), 58:47; 2, C Odell (Durham), 64:09; 3, R Kerr (Durham), 65:39. (At Ilkley Moor): Relay championships: Men (3 x 9km): 1, Cambridge, 117:17; 2, Edinburgh Univ, 118:36; 3, *Sheffield Univ, 119:36.* Women (3 x 4.6km): 1, Leeds, 103:11; 2, Aberdeen, 131:07; 3, Sheffield, 135:02.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Egremont 9, Pilkington 2; Heworth 16, Leigh *Miners 14;* Millom 10, West Hull 16; Woolston 14, Milford 16.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford 10, Wigan 14 (at Bradford City FC); Hull KR 23, Leigh 11; Hunslet 14, Widnes 66; St Helens 23, Leeds 28; Swinton 45, Castleford 14; Warrington 19, Salford 20.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	26	20	0	6	641	311	40
Bradford	25	17	0	8	482	300	34
St Helens	24	16	0	8	600	325	32
Wigan	24	15	2	7	507	295	32
Leeds	24	14	3	7	531	402	31
Warrington	26	14	2	10	531	416	30
Halifax	25	12	0	13	483	401	24
Castleford	25	12	0	13	479	547	24
Hull KR	24	11	1	12	407	424	23
Hull	24	11	0	13	347	544	22
Salford	24	9	0	15	310	493	18
Leigh	25	8	0	17	385	550	16
Swinton	24	4	2	18	364	694	10
Hunslet	24	3	2	19	343	708	8

SECOND DIVISION: Batley 0, Mansfield 8; Featherstone 40, Bramley 12; Runcorn 10, Carlisle 18; Sheffield 30, Doncaster 14 (at Sheffield United FC); Wakefield 22, Oldham 23; Whitehaven 28, Huddersfield 16; York 34, Fulham 13.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	27	22	1	4	737	319	45
Featherstone	27	20	2	5	648	343	42
Wakefield	27	20	1	6	650	283	41
Springfield	26	17	0	9	404	343	34
Sheffield	27	16	1	10	474	387	33
York	27	15	1	11	548	462	31
Mansfield	28	15	1	12	439	412	31
Keighley	28	15	0	13	495	428	30
Carlisle	27	14	1	12	372	410	29
Barrow	27	13	2	12	348	381	28
Workington	27	14	0	13	387	437	28
Runcorn	26	12	0	14	388	447	24
Whitehaven	27	10	1	16	413	416	21
Bramley	28	10	1	17	400	600	21
Doncaster	28	9	2	17	406	512	20
Rochdale	26	10	0	16	310	488	20
Fulham	27	9	0	18	373	551	18
Dewsbury	26	8	0	18	347	493	16
Huddersfield	27	7	1	19	359	581	15
Batley	27	6	1	20	295	495	13

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World group: Quarter-finals: (Frankfurt): West Germany 5, Denmark 0. Doubles: B Becker and E Jelen (WG) bt M Mortensen and M Tauson (Den), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. (Norrkoping): Czechoslovakia level with Sweden, 2-2. Doubles: M Wilander and S Edberg (Swe) bt M Mecir and T Smid (Cz), 6-8, 6-4, 6-6. (Clermont-Ferrand): France 5, Australia 0. Doubles: Y Noah and G Forget (Fr) bt J Fitzgerald and W Masur (Aus), 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; Y Noah bt M Woodforde, 6-2, 6-4. (Belgrade): Yugoslavia 3, Italy 1. Doubles: S Zivojinovic and G Prpic (Yug) bt P Cane and S Colombo (It), 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Relegation round: (St Gallen): Switzerland level with Mexico, 2-2. (Madrid): Spain 5, Brazil 0. (Vancouver): Canada lead Chile, 3-0. (Asuncion): Paraguay lead New Zealand 3-0. Asia-Oceania: Group one: Semi-finals: (Jakarta): Indonesia 4, China 1. (Seoul): South Korea 5, Philippines 0. Group one: Play-off: (Bangkok): Japan 4, Thailand 1. Group two: Quarter-finals: (Damascus): Singapore lead Syria, 3-0. (Colombo): Sri Lanka level with Pakistan, 1-1. (Taipei): Taiwan 4, Bangladesh 1. (Hong Kong): Hong Kong lead Iraq, 3-0. Americas: Group one: Semi-finals: (Guayaquil): Argentina lead Ecuador, 3-0. (Lima): United States lead Peru, 2-0. Group two: Semi-finals: (Kingston): Venezuela lead Jamaica, 2-1. (Varadero): Uruguay lead Cuba, 3-0. European: Group two: First round: (Stavanger): Norway 5, Malta 0. African: Group two: Quarter-finals: (Stax): Morocco 5, Tunisia 0. (Cairo): Egypt 5, Kenya 0. (Abidjan): Ivory Coast 3, Algeria 2. (Harare): Zimbabwe 5, Cameroon 0.
HILTON HEAD ISLAND: Family Circle Magazine Cup tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: M Navratilova (US) bt R Reggi (It), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Hanika (WG), 6-2, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L McNeil (US), 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt H Kelesi (Can), 7-6 (7-2), 6-1. Semi-finals: M Navratilova bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt Z Garrison (US), 6-0, 6-0. Doubles: Final: L McNeil and M Navratilova (US) bt C Kohde-*Kilsch (WG) and G Sabatini (Arg),* 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
HAMPSTEAD, London: Cumberland Club Hardcourt Tournament: Singles finals: Men: M Robinson (Lancs) bt J Hunter (Surrey), 6-3, 7-5. Women: K Hunter (Surrey) bt A Gregory (Notts), 6-1, 6-0. Doubles final: Men: G Henderson and S Heron (Yorks) bt V Ranson and A Rouse (Essex), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
BOURNEMOUTH: Prudential British Hard Court Championships: Singles 18 and under: Finals: Boys: A Livermore (Lancs) bt N Adams (Essex), 6-1, 6-4. Girls: C Hall (Dorset) bt G Humphreys-Davies (Cambs), 6-2, 6-4.

YACHTING

MANILA: China Sea series: Final overall positions: (Final race cancelled): IOR division: 1, Jelik (F Pong, Castro 41); 2, Bimblegumbie (K Jacobs, Dubois 44); 3, Sunstreaker (N Pryde, Castro 37). CHS division: 1, Amatora III (E Gefling, Brand One Ton); 2, Cariad VIII (R Maynard, Contessa 35); 3, Intrigue (I Nicolson, Farr 38).
WARSASH: Spring Series: IOR Class: 1, Impulse II (D Buttigieg); 2, Naughty Feeling (C Ayns); 3, Heart of Gold (J Parry). Sigma 33 Class: 1, Aida II (G Colbourne and R Purkiss); 2, Ivory Moon (J Yarrow); 3, Circe (D Thomas). J 24 Class: 1, Park View; 2, Parsnip (*M Hall*); 3, Luder (J Stewart). Sonata Class: 1, Fruesli II (R Egan); 2, Duette (R Letten); 3, An'metoo (C Ratsey). Channel Handicap: First division: 1, Blue Saxon (U Bencke).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

GM Vauxhall Conference
Fisher v Dagenham

Welsh FA Cup
Semi-final, first leg
Kidderminster v Wrexham

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor v Linfield.
CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Coventry v Leeds. Second division: Darlington v West Bromwich; Mansfield v Scunthorpe; York v Newcastle.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Brighton.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Wokingham v Dulwich. Second division north: Vauxhall Motors v Aveley (7.45).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Southport; Mossley v Oswestry.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Hednesford v Wellingborough. Southern division: Salisbury v Canterbury.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Final: Grays v Leytonstone-Ilford (at Dagenham FC).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Tournaments: Grosvenor House Hotel, London: Derngate Centre, Northampton.
ICE SKATING: Skate Electric gala (at Richmond).
MODERN PENTATHLON: Men's international (at Aldershot).
RACKETS: Celestion open doubles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SKIING: British Alpine championships (at Alpe d'Huez).
SPEEDWAY: World championship: Qualifying rounds (at Exeter and Newcastle). Matches at Wolverhampton, Reading.
SQUASH RACKETS: Hi-Tec British open championship: Qualifying (at Wembley).

SPORT ON TV

DARTS: BBC2 4.30 p.m.: Haywards Pickles British youth championship: Highlights from Frimley Green.
SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 1.10 a.m. (tomorrow): Motorcycling: World superbike championships: Highlights of the first round at Donington Park. Boxing: from the United States. Football: European round-up.

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Lyle's reputation is assured

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Augusta, Georgia

AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Sandy Lyle stands as perhaps the finest ambassador of British golf since Henry Cotton. His stature was confirmed even before he set out yesterday on the final round of the 52nd Masters at the Augusta National course.

Lyle, the Open champion at Royal St George's in 1985, has gained the respect of the American golfing public not simply by playing outstandingly to win the Phoenix and Greensboro opens this year, but by conducting himself in the manner that Bobby Jones, the creator of Augusta, would have admired.

That is why Lyle is so popular, although even Jack Nicklaus is mystified by his unique ability to remain almost totally impassive whether making a birdie or a bogey. "You never know how well he is playing," Nicklaus said. "He looks the same whether he is shooting 65 or 85."

Lyle did not play quite so well in the third round on Saturday as he had in compiling opening scores of 71 and 67. A 72 was a fair reflection of his game and a six-under-par aggregate of 210 kept him two shots ahead of Ben Crenshaw (67) and Mark Calcavecchia (72).

So for Lyle the roles have reversed from two years ago. Then he had been in the pack, drawn in the last round with Jack Nicklaus, and he had what he called "a good ringside seat" as the Golden Bear launched a miraculous charge. Nicklaus came from six shots behind to win his sixth green jacket.

Yesterday Lyle's fear was that a similar challenge would erupt and deny him a green jacket. He had every right to cast a wary eye over his shoulder. The events of Saturday left no fewer than seven former Masters champions within seven shots of him.

Lyle had, by going out in 34, put four shots between himself and Calcavecchia, then his nearest challenger. However, he made a six at the 13th and he took three putts at the 16th which opened the door.

Lyle's putting has been a revelation in the last couple of weeks so he could hardly complain. There was a time when you cringed watching him stand over a four-foot putt. Now he holes out with as much authority as Crenshaw, who is recognized as the best putter in the world.

In fact, Lyle had only 81 putts in his first three rounds, compared with the 92 of Crenshaw. That is the department which ultimately decides the destination of the Masters.

The man who can putt best on the greens — which this week Charles Coody, another former champion, likened to "putting on your grandmother's old kitchen linoleum floor" — is consistently the champion.

Crenshaw launched his own charge to victory in 1984 with a 60-foot putt for a birdie on the 10th on the last day. It is where Nicklaus insists that the tournament begins in earnest, although Crenshaw could say that on this occasion he began his move at the 14th hole in the third round. He holed there from six feet for a birdie and he made putts of 25 feet and 15 feet on the last two greens to complete his 67, which was the best round of the day.

The last player, with the exception of Nicklaus, that Lyle wanted on his heels was Crenshaw. He has an affinity with Augusta which is mirrored by his relationship both with the committee and with the gallery.

Lyle knew that the support for Crenshaw would be overwhelming and that Tony Jacklin's trick of wearing cotton wool in his ears as he won the US Open in 1970 might not be a bad idea.

Yet that is not Lyle's way. He was prepared to look at the leader board for all 18 holes, no matter that Bernhard Langer and Fuzzy Zoeller, two other former champions, set out only four shots adrift. Severiano Ballesteros, a champion in 1980 and 1983, and Craig Stadler (1982) were on 215, Tom Watson (1977 and 1981) 216 and Raymond Floyd (1976) 217.

The pressure was weighted heavily on Lyle's shoulders. Ballesteros said: "Sandy has proved himself a very good player. Yet I was 10 ahead in 1980 but I only got home by four. Anything can happen out there, especially in Amen Corner."

Langer, too, was convinced that the tournament was far from over. He said: "We all know how difficult playing in the last group can be and Sandy is there."

Even Nicklaus refused to dismiss himself although he teed off eight shots behind. "I don't ever count myself out," he said. "If you can shoot a last round of 65 then who knows what it might do?"

For Lyle, it was all food for thought as he stood on the first tee with Crenshaw. History was in the making since he was poised to become the first British winner of the Masters.

A victory would earn for him $183,000 (about £97,340), so consolidating his place at the top of the US money list this season with $591,000 (£314,360).

He would head for Hilton Head next week with the prospect of winning three tournaments in succession. Gary Player was the last to achieve that on the US Tour when, in 1978, he won the Masters and went on to succeed at Hilton Head and Houston.

The American nation is certainly getting to know Sandy Lyle even if the US Tour book does reveal that he was born in Shrewsbury, Scotland.

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Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	400	4	10	485	4
2	555	5	11	455	4
3	360	4	12	155	3
4	205	3	13	465	5
5	435	4	14	405	4
6	180	3	15	500	5
7	390	4	16	170	3
8	535	5	17	400	4
9	435	4	18	405	4
Out	3,465	36	In	3,440	36
Total yardage: 6,905				Par: 72	



Impassive performer: Lyle keeps a close watch on the ball during Saturday's third round

THIRD ROUND SCORES FROM AUGUSTA

US unless stated
210: A Lyle (GB), 71, 67, 72.
212: B Crenshaw, 72, 73, 67; M Calcavecchia, 71, 69, 72.
214: B Langer (WG), 71, 72, 71; F Zoeller, 76, 66 72; F Couples, 75, 68, 71.
215: S Ballesteros (Sp), 73, 72, 70; C Stadler, 76, 69, 70, D Pooley, 71, 72, 72.
216: D Towell, 75, 73, 68; T Watson, 72, 71, 73.
217: R Floyd, 80, 69, 68; D Pohl, 78, 70, 69.
218: D Frost (SA), 73, 74, 71; L Wadkins, 74, 75, 69; M McNulty (SA), 74, 71, 73; C Strange, 76, 70, 72.
219: G Koch, 72, 73, 74; C Beck, 73, 70, 78, H Green, 74, 70, 75.
220: K Brown (GB), 73, 78, 69; R Davis (Aus), 77, 72, 71; J Nicklaus, 75, 73, 72; R Wrenn, 69, 75, 76.
221: G Norman (Aus), 77, 73, 71; I Aoki (Japan), 74, 74, 73; T C Chen (Taiwan), 76, 73, 72; R Tway, 74, 73, 74.
222: P Stewart, 75, 76, 71; M McCumber, 79, 71, 72; L Nelson, 69, 78, 75; *J Sigel, 77, 72, 73; G Hallberg, 73, 69, 80.
223: N Price (SA), 75, 76, 72; A North, 74, 74, 75; J Sindelar, 79, 70, 74; S Jones, 74, 74, 75; M O'Grady, 74, 73, 76; T Nakajima (Japan), 74, 72, 77.
224: M O'Meara, 74, 76, 74; N Faldo (GB), 75, 74, 75.
225: L Mize, 78, 71, 76.
226: T Kite, 73, 76, 77; S Pate, 75, 76, 75; C Pavin, 76, 75, 75.
229: J Sluman, 80, 71, 78.
* denotes amateur.

Both richest and poorest at Wembley

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The 107th FA Cup final on May 14 will be between Liverpool, the most successful club in England, and Wimbledon, one of the youngest members of the Football League. The only similarity between the two clubs, other than that they are both in the first division, is the margin of their victories on Saturday.

Liverpool, who conceded their first goal in the competition, beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 at Hillsborough in front of 51,627 spectators. Wimbledon came from behind to defeat Luton Town by the same score at White Hart Lane, where the crowd was almost exactly half as big.

Liverpool, who are threatening to become the first club to win the Cup and the championship in the same season twice, will be appearing in their eighth Final. Wimbledon had never before progressed beyond the fifth round of either of the domestic knock-out tournaments.

Liverpool, who have collected a total of 34 English and Continental trophies, became the champions of Europe for the first time in 1977. Wimbledon, whose only honour so far is the fourth division title, did not play their opening League fixture until a few months later that same year.

Liverpool bought Barnes and Beardsley for almost £3 million before the season started. Wimbledon would have been forced to sell at least one player, probably Fashanu, if they had not reached Wembley.

Liverpool have been renowned for years for the simplicity, purity and delicacy of their play. Wimbledon, physically as rugged as a unit of commandos, climbed through the four divisions in nine years with a long ball game which has received heavy public criticism.

"They get a lot of stick," Alan Hansen, the Liverpool captain, said on Saturday, "but they play within the rules and keep to their system. They are difficult to beat and underdogs have won at Wembley before. I just hope we can put on a good show for our supporters."

Wimbledon should beware of John Barnes in particular. The England winger, brought down at Hillsborough inside the area for the second time in a week by a Forest defender, admitted later that he has "won a few penalties like that this season".

Luxury is a space in the car park

By Clive White

The gulf in style and stature between Liverpool and Wimbledon, the FA Cup finalists, has been made complete by the news that while Liverpool will travel to Wembley on May 14 by their usual luxury coach, Wimbledon will get their by mini-bus. Clearly they mean to finish the journey as they began it 11 years ago when they joined the Football League.

Bobby Gould, the manager, himself drove Don Howe, the coach, and some of the players by mini-bus to White Hart Lane on Saturday for their semi-final against Luton Town and Gould fully intends to do the same for the Final. He revealed that when the 16-seater bus, which was travelling in convoy with a landrover, loaded up with the team's kit, arrived at White Hart Lane they were refused entrance.

"The gateman told us that we couldn't come in," Gould said. "I told him, 'This is the team coach', and he said, 'You must be joking'. I told him, 'I'm deadly serious. I'm the manager.' The police escort which met us at London Bridge couldn't stop laughing. Don said to me, 'You can't do this for the Final', and I said, 'You just try me'."

Eight of the players made their own way to the ground and will do so again for the Final. "We'll have to make sure we've plenty of car park tickets," Gould said.

Whatever critics of the team's style of play think few can dispute that this season's Final will provide Wembley with a contrast the like of which it has never seen before. It epitomizes just what the FA Cup is about; the giants versus the minnows. Gould insists that he will not change their style for Wembley.

There is an ominous warning to Liverpool from a man who knows about turning over favourites. John Sillett, the manager of Coventry City, last year's surprise winners, backed Wimbledon to win the Cup at 33-1.

Kingston consider link with Rangers

By Nicholas Harling

Graeme Souness may not have stopped with importing English footballers to Ibrox. English basketball players, plus a couple of Americans thrown in for good measure, may be next on the agenda for Glasgow Rangers, should a proposed takeover of Polycell Kingston come to fruition.

Unless Kingston find a new sponsor to replace Polycell, who are unable to exercise their option of a two-year extension, the club might, as its chairman, Dennis Roach, confirmed yesterday, move lock, stock and barrel to Scotland in time for next season. They would become the third English club to link up with football, following Manchester United — who have since dropped out — and Portsmouth, the League champions.

The Kingston players, some of whom claim they will have to take "substantial" wage cuts, blamed their feeble exit from the Carlsberg national championship play-offs on Saturday at Wembley on the timing of Roach's pre-game announcement, outlining plans. Kingston were beaten, ironically, by a Scottish club, MIM Livingston.

Snooker's new drug revelations

By Steve Acteson

John Virgo, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) said yesterday that he had no intention of resigning his position, despite confirming newspaper reports that he had smoked cannabis.

The news comes as yet another body blow to snooker, whose disciplinary committee is to meet on Thursday to investigate Cliff Thorburn's failure to pass a drugs test at the British Open in February.

Virgo may not see fit to resign but there is no doubt that some of his fellow board members, mindful of the game's tarnished image, will think otherwise.

Virgo, aged 42, who lives in Guildford, said yesterday: "I was never an addict or even a regular user. It must be 10 years since I have used it and I do not take drugs of any kind. I used it out of curiosity and now I'm being hammered for it.

"The drugs policy of the WPBSA has my complete support. Drugs testing was introduced in 1985 to discourage players from possessing illegal drugs or taking drugs that could be performance enhancing.

"I'm not intending to resign over this. I have not spoken to any board members but I am sure they are shocked by the revelations and I will be speaking to them when I can."

Gordon Ingham, the vice-chairman of the board of the WPBSA, said yesterday that his Association would be putting out a statement within the next couple of days, but Rex Williams, who resigned as chairman in November, making way for Virgo, said: "If he admitted taking drugs then John should resign."

Another board member, Ian Doyle, commented: "There has to be a shadow over John's future now. The game is bigger than any individual and we must appoint a chief executive to run snooker — in fact, John has been involved in the negotiations to bring this about."

Next Saturday Virgo plays the defending champion, Steve Davis, in the first round of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield.

Parrott wins

John Parrott, of Liverpool, ranked No. 13 in the world, claimed his first tournament title in five years as a professional when he defeated Martin Clark 5-1 in the final of the Kent China Cup event in Peking on Saturday night, for a £35,000 first prize.

Widnes run in a dozen tries as they lift a second title

By Keith Macklin

Although the result was a formality, Widnes won the Stones Bitter Rugby League championship in rousing style against the relegated Hunslet yesterday. Playing brilliantly, Widnes scored 12 tries and landed nine goals as they romped to a 66-14 win against gallant opponents.

Martin Offiah scored two of the 12 tries to take his total for the season to 43; the other tries were distributed between McKenzie, Currier, David and Paul Hulme, Thackray and the international stand-off half, Tony Myler, who returned after injury in an attempt to give a late nudge to the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly.

A crowd of more than 4,500 attended Elland Road, three-quarters of them from Widnes, and at the end of the game the champions did a lap of honour after the Stones Bitter Trophy had been handed to the captain, Kurt Sorenson. It was the second championship for Widnes, the last being 10 years ago, and the club hopes to strike a special medal for the Australian international, Shearer, who played a great part in the Widnes success before having to return home.

Elsewhere there were upsets and dramatic victories as teams fought for top four and top eight places in the premiership. Bradford Northern, in second place, pounded the Wigan line for long periods and at one stage led 10-8 with a try by Harkin and three goals from Hobbs against tries by Marshall and Lydon, both made by Hanley.

Wigan rallied and in the 66th minute Bell, who had received a spell in the sin bin, scored a try and Lydon kicked the goal to give Wigan a 14-10 triumph that enhanced their top-four hopes.

St Helens received yet another blow in their home game with Leeds, who raised their own chances of a high placing by winning 28-23 in a see-saw match. Leeds led 20-6 at half-time, then trailed 23-20 early in the second half, only to win the match with tries by Pratt and Basnett.

Warrington, whose coach, Tony Barrow, said he had only 10 fit men on the field after half-time, lost dramatically at home 20-19 to Salford, who thereby increased their chances of avoiding relegation. The clinching try against Warrington's walking wounded was scored by Worrall, with the goal by Jones transforming the scoreline from 19-14 to Warrington to 19-20 as Salford tackled their way through the last 10 minutes.

Leigh slipped behind Salford in the relegation struggle, losing 23-11 after leading 8-0 at Craven Park against Hull Kingston Rovers, and Castleford were trounced unexpectedly at Swinton, where the relegated home side ran riot 45-14.

Oldham clinched the second division championship by winning 23-22 in a cliff-hanger at Wakefield, where Trinity scored a last-minute try through Halliwell, but Harcombe could not land the difficult kick that would have won the game.

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Teenager's historic goal feat

Alan Shearer, the first player in 21 years to score three goals on his full League debut — and possibly the first-ever to do so on his debut in the first division — left The Dell on Saturday clutching the match ball autographed by players who were once his heroes, after helping Southampton hand out a 4-2 defeat of Arsenal.

Shearer, aged 17, was drafted into the Southampton team three hours before kick-off and responded by scoring three times in 49 minutes.

The last player to achieve the feat was Colin Viljoen, of Ipswich Town, who did so against Portsmouth in a second-division match in 1967.

Dramatic victory by Celtic

Celtic stayed on course to complete the double of League championship and Scottish Cup when they overcame Heart of Midlothian 2-1 in a semi-final at Hampden Park on Saturday whose climax was as gripping as any Grand National.

Hearts led after an hour with a controversial goal when Bonner, hotly challenged by McPherson, allowed a lob from Whittaker into the net.

Celtic, inspired by McStay, swarmed into the attack but there were only 90 seconds remaining when McGhee, a substitute, equalized. In injury time a blunder by Smith, the Hearts goalkeeper, let in Walker for the winner.

Celtic's opponents are not yet known. Aberdeen and Dundee United having to replay on Wednesday after a goalless first encounter.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Sights on Le Mans

Jaguar pulled ahead in the world sportscar championship at Monza, Italy, yesterday, bringing their dream of winning the Le Mans 24-hour race a step nearer.

A Silk Cut Team Jaguar XJR-9, driven by Martin Brundle, of Great Britain, and Eddie Cheever, of the United States, finished over a lap ahead of the turbo-charged five-litre V8-engined Sauber Mercedes in the 1,000-kilometre race at the Autodromo.

Back to union

Steve Ford made a successful return to Rugby Union on Saturday, scoring a winning try for Rhymney in the final of the East District seven-a-side tournament in Cardiff. Ford, who has been reinstated by the Welsh Rugby Football Union, lost his amateur status after taking part in a Rugby League trial with Leeds and has not played for two and a half years.

Italian jobs

Rome (AP) — The council of the Italian track and field federation on Saturday accepted the resignations of six of its members involved in the controversial long jump competition at the 1987 world championships in Rome.



Oti: ruled out by knee injury

Oti's knock

Chris Oti, the Wasps winger, will miss the Dublin millenium Rugby Union international between England and Ireland on Saturday week. Oti has an injured knee and has been advised by the England doctors not to play again this season. As Oti is missing England's tour to Australia because of exams at Cambridge University, he will now not be available for international selection until November.

Robinson wins

Martin Robinson, aged 32, the left-hander from Lancashire who is attempting a comeback to the full-time circuit, won his first English senior tournament for four years when he took the men's singles title at the Cumberland Club hard-court tennis tournament, at Hampstead, yesterday.

Crowd trouble

Munich (AP) — More than 30 people were injured and 27 arrested when football supporters, angered by their team's defeat, went on a violent rampage, police said yesterday. Munich police said the trouble began after Bayern Munich defeated Schalke 04, 8-1, late on Saturday.

First prize

Philip Cassidy, of Ireland, wearing No. 1, won the Archer RC international grand prix near Beaconsfield yesterday, from Paul McCormack and Ben Luckwell.

Top bowlers

Durham proved they are England's top indoor bowls county when, at Erewash, Long Eaton, yesterday, they added the Federation Code's Derbyshire Trophy to the Association's Liberty Trophy they won at Hartlepool three weeks ago. Numerically a much stronger county than their opponents, North Cambridgeshire, Durham's superiority was never in question as they powered their way to a 161-120 victory.

José Pedroche

Gerona, Spain (AFP) — José Manuel Hernández Pedroche, a Spanish rally driver, was killed when his Renault crashed into a tree during the Playa Aro rally yesterday morning.

Pakistanis sharpen up under the sun

From Richard Streeton, Castries, St Lucia

Nearly everyone made runs as the Pakistanis took useful practice for the second Test match next Thursday in their four-day match with a West Indies under-23 XI on this idyllic island. Ijaz Ahmed showed glimpses of his best form as he made an attractive 84 and by lunch on the second day yesterday the Pakistanis were 426 for six.

Ijaz drove and pulled a six and 10 fours to end a lean time on the tour and give the scoring rate a much needed boost late on Saturday. Ijaz, on 66, survived one chance to mid-wicket against the medium-paced Browne, after the Pakistanis resumed at 317 for five, but it was his only error before he drove a low catch to extra cover against Dhanraj, a leg-spinner.

Dhanraj, who pushed the ball through quickly, was unable to get much response from a slow pitch. Bishop and Browne, the new-ball bowlers, were similarly handicapped and Perry, the off-spinner, looked the best of the bowlers as they struggled on this tiny ground.

Nehemiah Odolphus Perry is 19, tall and slim and has played several times for Jamaica. He flighted the ball cleverly in the 85° sunshine and took the first three wickets to fall. A faster ball bowled Mudassar Nazar through the gate; Shoaib Mohammad played on; and Ramiz Raja drove a catch to mid-wicket.

The match is being used by the touring team to decide whether Wasim Akram's strained right thigh muscle will allow him to play in the Test. Akram came in when Ijaz was out and both he and Ijaz Faqih pulled Dhanraj for sixes as a seventh-wicket stand developed.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar b Perry	30
Ramiz Raja c Arthurton b Perry	62
Shoaib Mohammad b Perry	17
Salim Malik c Murray b Adams	53
Aamir Malik c Lara b Browne	43
Ijaz Ahmed c Adams b Dhanraj	84
Ijaz Faqih not out	49
Wasim Akram not out	41
Extras	27
Total (6 wkts)	426

Zakir Khan, Hafiz Shahid and Abdul Qadir to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-133, 3-162, 4-211, 5-295, 6-355.

WEST INDIES UNDER-23 XI: D S Morgan, S Dhanram, K L T Arthurton, R Holder, B Lara, J Adams, J Murray, N O Perry, I Bishop, R Dhanraj, B Browne.

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